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JAB-O-METER

TAKE YOUR SHOT

April 28
20,40,131 doses
April 29
20,30,807 doses

TOTAL DOSES: 1,88,87,42,162

NATIONWIDE	APR 28	APR 29
Fresh cases	3,303	3,377
Recoveries	2,563	2,496
Deaths	39	60

KARNATAKA	APR 28	APR 29
Fresh cases	154	133
Recoveries	116	147
Deaths	0	0



NOW, CHINA SAYS IT WILL TAKE BACK A FEW INDIAN STUDENTS

China's foreign ministry on Friday announced plans to permit the return of Indian students on a "need-assessed basis"

PROCESS HAS ALREADY BEGUN, SAYS BEIJING

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian told reporters in Beijing that his country attaches high importance to Indian students' concerns. "Actually, the work for Indian students' return has already been started. All that remains to be done is for the Indian side to provide the list of students who really need to come back to China," he said | P9

MOVE COMES AFTER STUDENTS' PROTEST

Confirming the development, the Indian embassy in Beijing has asked students to furnish their details by May 8. China's decision comes after some Indian students ran a social media campaign to air their predicament. On Friday, a few students also gathered at Delhi's Jantar Mantar to protest

22,000

INDIAN STUDENTS WANT TO GO BACK TO CHINA TO FINISH THEIR STUDIES



TEMPERS RUN HIGH

Security personnel attempt to maintain law and order after a clash broke out between followers of the Shiv Sena and pro-Khalistani Sikh organisations, near Kali Mata Mandir in Patiala, Punjab on Friday | P11 P7

PSI exam annulled, fresh test soon: Araga

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

IN a major decision, the state government on Friday annulled the examinations conducted in October 2021 to recruit 545 Police Sub-Inspectors (PSIs) after allegations of large-scale irregularities in the recruitment process.

Home Minister Araga Jnanendra said the government has annulled the examinations, but not the notification, which means all the candidates, except those accused in the scam, will be allowed to take the Common Entrance Test again. It will be conducted soon, he added.

The candidates arrested by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) will be barred from the examinations, but all other candidates who took the test last year will be allowed to take the re-exam.

In Chitradurga, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai also said the candidates who had taken

Scam prime accused Divya arrested

Kalaburagi: CID sleuths arrested 5 people, including prime accused Divya Hagaragi from Pune, Maharashtra, just before midnight on Thursday in connection with the PSI recruitment exam scam. Hagaragi, was missing for over a fortnight. P4

the examination earlier will be allowed to take the test again and fresh applications will not be called.

As many as 54,289 candidates had taken the examinations on October 3, 2021 and the results were announced in January this year. The OMR (Optical Mark Recognition) sheet of one of the candidates blew the lid over the recruitment scam and the government ordered a probe by the CID, which has arrested several people including BJP and Congress leaders.

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LOW COAL STOCK

MORE POWER PLANTS ON THE CRITICAL LIST

RAKESH KUMAR AND RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

WITH power crisis in the country threatening to worsen amid the ongoing heat wave, the rail ministry on Friday took the extraordinary step of cancelling over 700 passenger train trips so as to expedite the movement of coal wagons to thermal power plants as stock levels at many of them are turning critical.

In all, 753 trips of 18 pairs of mail and express trains and eight pairs of local passenger trains have been cancelled.

As of Thursday, coal stock at 106 out of 173 thermal plants reached critical levels, the Central Electricity Authority's data said. Of them, 86 are fed domestic coal while 12 are designed on imported coal.

"The power situation is not good. Of 155 thermal plants based on domestic coal, at 105 the stock is below 25%, which is critical," said Shailendra Dubey, chairman of the All India Power Engineers Federation (AIPEF). "Similarly, we are facing problems in transporting coal. Rakes available per day with the Railways is 380 but our requirement is 453," he said. But the Rail ministry said it loaded 427 rakes on Thursday for the power sector.

The AIPEF claimed the number of thermal plants with critical coal stock has increased from 81 to 86 in just one week. In the private sector, the number of plants with critical coal stock has shot up from 28 to 32. Union power minister R K Singh pushed back, arguing outages in some states are of their own making. And the coal ministry said Coal India Ltd increased production by 27.2% and coal dispatch by 5.8% in April 2022 as compared to the same period last year.



State thermal plants struggling for coal

Twelve state sector thermal plants out of 16 in the north have coal stock at critical levels. In Rajasthan six on seven, and in UP, three on four have critical coal stock

Full recovery not before FY35

Pandemic impact would be felt till at least 2034-35, says latest RBI report

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

THE deep economic injuries inflicted by the pandemic will take 13 more years to heal, according to a new RBI report. "India is expected to overcome Covid-19 losses in 2034-35," says the *Report on Currency and Finance for 2021-22: Revive and Reconstruct* released on Friday.

The report estimates the output losses during the pandemic years of FY21, FY22 and FY23 at ₹19.1 lakh crore, ₹17.1 lakh crore and ₹16.4 lakh crore, respectively. The pre-Covid trend growth rate for the economy works out to a compounded annual growth rate of 7.1% from FY13 to FY17, excluding the slow-down years from FY18-20, it adds.

"Taking the actual growth rate of (-)6.6 per cent for 2020-21, 8.9 per cent for 2021-22 and assuming growth rate of 7.2 per cent for 2022-23, and 7.5 per cent beyond that, India is expected to overcome Covid-19 losses in 2034-35," the report notes.

While the economic engine has weakened, the report says price stability and a reduction in general government debt could help achieve healthy growth. It pegs 6.5-8.5% as the feasible range for the GDP growth in the medium term.

Report on Currency and Finance, or RCF, is recommendatory in nature. The paper comes in the wake of the recently released minutes of the Monetary Policy Committee meeting of April 6-8, which left a key

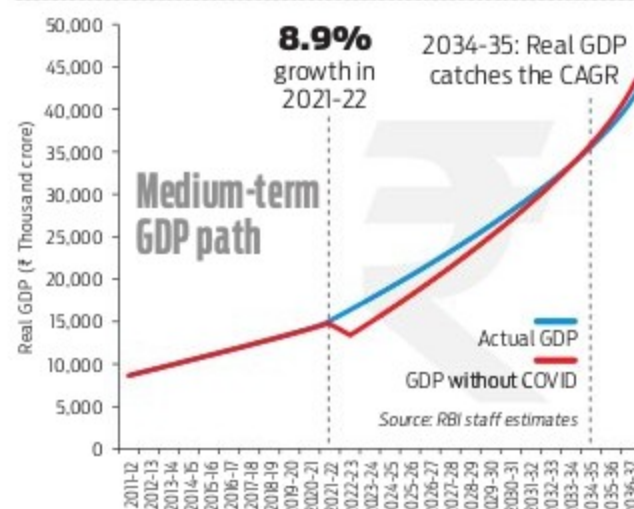
policy rate unchanged at 4%. However, all six MPC members stressed on withdrawal of accommodation to rein in retail price inflation, which for three straight months through March has remained above RBI's upper tolerance band of 6%.

RCF underscores that the first step toward growth is timely rebalancing of monetary and fiscal policies. First, the large surplus liquidity overhang has to be withdrawn — every percentage point increase in surplus liquidity above 1.5% of net demand and time liabilities causes average inflation to rise by 0.6% in a year.

"Monetary policy has to assign priority to price stability as the nominal anchor for the future growth trajectory," it says. Also,

growth is at risk once general government debt exceeds 66% of GDP. "Reducing debt to more sustainable levels that are compatible with the growth trajectory being envisaged for a post-pandemic Indian economy will be daunting. Even under best possible macroeconomic outcomes, general government debt may not decline below 75% of GDP over the next five years," the report adds.

India's debt to GDP ratio is expected to be 87.4% in FY22. "If adverse scenarios materialise, debt may hover above 90% of GDP all through. A medium-term strategy of debt consolidation aimed at reducing debt to below 66% of GDP over the next five years is important to secure India's medium-term growth prospects," RCF says.



CHALLENGES TO GROWTH

General government debt unlikely to decline to below 75% of GDP in next 5 years

If debt remains above 66% of the GDP, it could further dampen growth

So, conscious steps to be taken to bring down debt below that level

Large surplus liquidity, which helped financial conditions to ease during pandemic, needs to be withdrawn in a calibrated manner

This is because surplus liquidity will push up inflation

ED seizes ₹5,551 crore from Xiaomi

SUBHASH CHANDRA NS @ Bengaluru

THE Directorate of Enforcement (ED), in one of its biggest operations, seized Rs 5,551.27 crore from a Bengaluru-based Chinese telecom firm Xiaomi Technology India.

The seizure was made after months-long investigations by ED. Xiaomi, which is one of the top mobile phone brands in the country, has an annual turnover of Rs 34,000 crore. The money has been seized from four bank accounts of Xiaomi under the provisions of Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999.

ED sources said the company had already sent a major por-

tion of the money to its group companies in China. "The balance amount was lying in its four bank accounts at HSBC, Citi Bank, IDBI and Deutsche Bank," the official source said.

The royalty amount has been remitted based on the instruction of its Chinese parent group. A certain amount has also been remitted to two more unrelated US-based entities, the source added.

The company has been operating in India since 2014 and as per the agreement, it procures the completely manufactured handsets from manufacturers in India. These contract manufacturers have a direct arrangement with the group entities of Xiaomi based

in China for supplying raw material and manufacturing of mobile sets as per the specifications provided by Xiaomi China, ED stated. "Xiaomi India has not provided any technological input or software-related assistance to these contract manufacturers. Interestingly, Xiaomi India has transferred money to the three foreign-based entities from which they have not availed any kind of service," ED authorities said.

The Company, without having any authorisation, remitted the money — a violation of Section 4 of FEMA. The company allegedly also provided misleading information to the banks while remitting the money abroad.



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Kasturi Paladhi, Head of PR and Corporate Communications, Xiaomi India

EXPRESS READ

Gota mayaxe Mahinda

Colombo: Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has agreed to drop elder brother Mahinda as PM to form an interim government to solve the ongoing political impasse, lawmaker Maithripala Sirisena said Friday | P11

NEP mandate released

Bengaluru: Union Minister for Education Dharmendra Pradhan on Friday released the "Mandate Document for National Curriculum Framework (NCF)" that will provide guidelines to develop the curriculum and lay the path for the implementation of NEP 2020 | P2

Man sentenced to death

Guntur: A fast-track court in Guntur on Friday sentenced an accused in the murder of a B.Tech student to death. On August 15, 2021, Sasi Krishna had stabbed Ramya to death. The probe and trial in the case have been completed in record nine months | P5

PM appeals for making India chip manufacturing hub

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

PRIME Minister Minister Narendra Modi on Friday made an assertive pitch for the industry to make India a semiconductor hub of the world by 2030, utilising the principles of high technology, high quality and high reliability.

"It is our collective aim to establish India as one of the key partners in global semiconductor supply chains," he stressed, addressing the country's first-ever three-day Semicon 2022 conference in Bengaluru virtually. He laid out reasons, including the digital infrastructure and the "most favourable taxation structure in the world," for India to become the best invest-



A volunteer displays a motherboard at a stall at Semicon India 2022 in Bengaluru on Friday | VINOD KUMAR T

ment destination for the semiconductor industry.

"The country's own consumption of semiconductors is expected to be at \$80 billion by 2026 and \$110 billion by 2030," the Prime Minister said.

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APPLIED MATERIALS INVESTS ₹350 Cr

Applied Materials, the largest semiconductor display equipment manufacturer, on Friday announced that it has invested \$50 million in Bengaluru to set up a manufacturing facility. The company has purchased land in Whitefield, Bengaluru. P4

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Union Minister releases mandate document on NEP

'We are open to suggestions from all sections, including madrasas and churches'

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UNION Minister for Education Dharma Pradhan on Friday released the "Mandate Document for National Curriculum Framework (NCF)", which will provide guidelines to develop the curriculum and lay the path for the implementation of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

The emphasis is on framing the curriculum from play-school, teacher and adult education. "We are open to suggestions from all sections, including madrasas and churches, on framing the curriculum. The suggestions can be sent through dedicated mobile apps. NEP will decolonise education and will ensure education for all - SC/STs, minorities, OBCs and poor. It is meant for the progress of society and economic development through education, leading to global impact," he said. The country's present certificate and degree-centric system



Ministers BC Nagesh, Dr CN Ashwath Narayan, Union minister Dharma Pradhan, Dr K Kasturirangan at the release of Mandate document for the National Curriculum Framework at IISc, in Bengaluru on Friday.

should transform to skill-centric education, which is what NEP aims at. The government is spending Rs 7.50 lakh crore to attract investments, he added.

"NEP, which was evolved by experts including Dr Kasturirangan, will be valid for the next 100 years. The committee took suggestions from people from 22 states, 600 districts and one lakh educationists at the grassroots level. The curriculum framework will be ready by Dasara. Across the country,

19,000 BED colleges will come up and they will produce 19 lakh teachers every year. In Karnataka, capacities are being built to train 3.5 lakh teachers every year," he added.

Language can't be at centre of controversy

Language cannot be an area of controversy. NEP and National Steering Committee have laid emphasis on local languages and mother tongues, said Union Minister Dharma Pradhan.

VACANCIES AT UNIVERSITIES WILL BE FILLED UP: PRADHAN

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Union minister for Education Dharma Pradhan said they are "focused" on filling vacancies at all universities for the effective implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP). Pradhan said when it was pointed out that there were vacancies in universities -- 380 out of 600 posts being vacant in the University of Mysore alone -- he wanted to know how they would implement NEP without adequate faculty in universities. He said that recruitment of faculty in universities will take some time. On no new schemes or grants for universities for research since the past five years, he said the pattern of grants has changed and universities will receive adequate funding. State Minister for Higher Education Dr C N Ashwath Narayan also spoke about vacancies in universities, and said they are parallelly recruiting guest faculty to meet the shortage of staff in universities. Yet permanent faculty will be the best solution, he said. He also informed that they are trying to improve things, which include getting adequate grants for universities, by adopting "unified university and college management system" which would be the way forward. With that they are simplifying things, and the entire administration will be transparent, he said.

Mandate document a bridge between NEP and curriculum framework

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THE Mandate Document forms a stepping stone/bridge between the National Education Policy 2020 and new National Curriculum Framework (NCF), according to Prof Manjul Bhargava, member, National Steering Committee NCF and Chairperson, Mandate Committee.

He explained that the man-

date describes the approach to developing the NCF for the four-stage school system (5 Foundation + 3 Preparatory Stage + 3 Middle + 4 Secondary) with widespread consultations already under way (including the work of National and State focus groups) which are expected to result in over 15,000 documents and 1,50,000 total inputs from stakeholders, ranging from teachers to

education experts and researchers. It lays out the process recommended by the mandate group to cover these 1.5 lakh inputs into a coherent NCF that is innovative, transformative, easy to read, implementable and in consonance with NEP 2020, he said.

He informed that the mandate document lays down guidelines on developing NCF with aspects emphasised in NEP

OTHER GUIDELINES INCLUDE

to others in need.

► Preparing students with 21st century capacities, including speaking, writing, multilingualism, problem solving, sustainable living etc

► Laying emphasis on the mother tongue as the primary medium of instruction,

particularly in the early years along with high quality teaching and learning of all languages,

► Developing high quality learning materials.

► Lays emphasis on involving parents, community members in the process of learning along with teachers

► Developing multidisciplinary education for holistic development of the child

► Developing a curriculum with a goal to create good human beings, capable of independent rational thought and humaneness, with courage and sound ethical moorings

► Developing a sense of service

Bengaluru Metro's Phase-3 to extend by 2km

S. LALITHA @ Bengaluru

BENGALURU Metro's Phase-3 is set to be extended by nearly 2 km, thanks to a new extension up to Kempapura. The draft of the DPR for the phase has been submitted to the BM-RCL by Rail India Technical and Economic Service (RITES) Ltd, an enterprise of the Railway Ministry.

The project is estimated to cost around Rs 13,500 crore. It will run up to 44.65 km and comprise two elevated corridors with 31 Metro stations. There will be intersections with other Metro lines at five stations.

Corridor One will run for 32.15 km along the west of Outer Ring Road from JP Nagar IVth phase to Kempapura with 22 stations. "As per the previous plan, it was supposed to be terminated at Hebbal Railway Station. But we have now decided to extend it for an additional 2 km up to Kempapura so that it can be connected with the Airport Line (Phase 2A, 2B)," he said. Corridor Two from Hosahalli to Kadabgere on Magadi Road will run for 12.5 km with 9 stations, he said. An additional line from Sarjapura to Hebbal has also been added to Phase-3,



announced in the budget.

Another source said, "The draft has been submitted by RITES to BMRL. We will send our inputs shortly and they may submit the final DPR in 15 to 20 days. There may not be major changes since the report has been readied by them."

A source said after the final DPR is submitted to BMRL, it would be sent to the State government. "The State will then send it to the Centre for clearance," he said.

Pre-bid meet for Sarjapura-Hebbal Line

At least 14 bidders have evinced interest in taking part in the tender to prepare a Detailed Project Report for the new 37 km Metro line proposed under Phase-3 from Sarjapura to Hebbal via Agara, Koramangala and Dairy Circle. The pre-bid meeting in connection with the tender was held by BMRL on April 25.

BU confers honorary doctorate on Akshaya Patra founder, two others

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

RECOGNISED for his contributions in the fields of community welfare and food security, Akshaya Patra founder-chairman and ISKCON president Madhu Pandit Das, was conferred an honorary doctorate at Bangalore University's 56th Annual Convocation on Friday.

He was conferred the doctorate alongside visual artist S G Vasudev, and writer and activist M S Muthuraj. S G Vasudev was involved in establishing the Visual Arts Department at BU, while M S Muthuraj was recognised for his contributions as an activ-



Governor Thawarchand Gehlot (centre) attends the 56th Annual convocation of Bangalore University, in Bengaluru on Friday

galore University was awarded seven gold medals.

Speaking at the convocation, National Assessment and Accreditation Council director, Dr S C Sharma, talked about the importance of an updated curriculum, saying that if a curriculum is obsolete, the first casualties would be students and teaching faculty. "The global pandemic has taught a valuable lesson to all universities across the world. But a boon came in the form of digital education and the digital university," he said.

For the first time, the students will be able to download their degree certificates from DigiLocker and the National Academic Directory (NAD).

ist, to eradicate untouchability.

In addition, over 68,000 students had been conferred the degrees at the university's convocation. With 321 gold medals handed out to a total of 186 students. Sushma H, a chemistry student from Ban-

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

30th April : The Sun says one thing, the Moon another, but all for the best. Optimism is today's virtue, but belief in a better future relies on careful planning and attention to detail. Suddenly, all those neglected practical skills seem to be important if we are all to work together.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)

It now seems that you will want to procrastinate and before taking the plunge. Even if you do make a sudden decision this may be revised after additional factors enter the equation. As circumstances change so your mood will alter, and that creates difficulty in making final plans.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)

Even though you are entering a phase when work and routine chores will be consuming yet more of your time, there is no indication that this is going to be unpleasant. On the contrary, much of your future contentment will derive from good, solid, honest, hard work.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

You really shouldn't expect anyone to mean what they say. The reason is not any deliberate intention to mislead, rather genuine confusion as to the real significance or nature of anything that happens, however trivial. Even minor developments can have major consequences - as acorns give birth to mighty oaks.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

It is from times of great astrophysical turbulence that all human advance results. Therefore, as far as you are concerned, current emotional strains may be thoroughly enjoyable if you are genuinely prepared to let go of the past. But if you hang on too hard, you may lose out.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)

Every action has its cost, and now you must pay for commitments which may be irrelevant to the current state of your life. You may settle all outstanding debts and call in any money owing to you. The sooner the decks are cleared, the more easily you'll be able to tackle emotional questions.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

Quite extraordinary and totally unexpected developments on the work front around now can, and will, make you feel that you did right to stand up for your own ideas and risk a break with established procedure. Come to think of it, a change could be as good as a very comfortable rest.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

These are hectic days for matters of an intimately personal nature and for those involving partnership and matrimonial affairs. For the best results, combine your romantic desires with a sense of what's truly possible and realistic - otherwise you'll be off in a fantasy-never-never land.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

So much depends on the approach you take and the facts you employ when dealing with matters which are frankly too sensitive to discuss in public. Please understand that other people may not want you to reveal too much just now, so respect a confidence.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)

Life is an expensive business and if you try to save now you'll find yourself in a quandary when the time for the great reckoning arrives. It's best to be realistic, especially as, believe it or not, other people are relying on you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)

Life has been so exciting for most of you that I very much doubt whether you have had cause to complain about a lack of attention or enjoyment. Some of you, on the other hand, have yet to hit the jackpot. But, when you do, it will be all the better for having waited.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

It now looks as if you cannot afford to make any more false moves. The general confusion in the air is too widespread for you to add to it by being uncertain about your own direction and motives. Try to work out what you want and do stop dithering.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)

In many respects you fare better than most at the moment because you're so well fitted to deal with periods of general emotional upheaval. You, and only you, understand what is truly shaping people's affections. That's partly what makes you such a very special person.

THE PHANTOM



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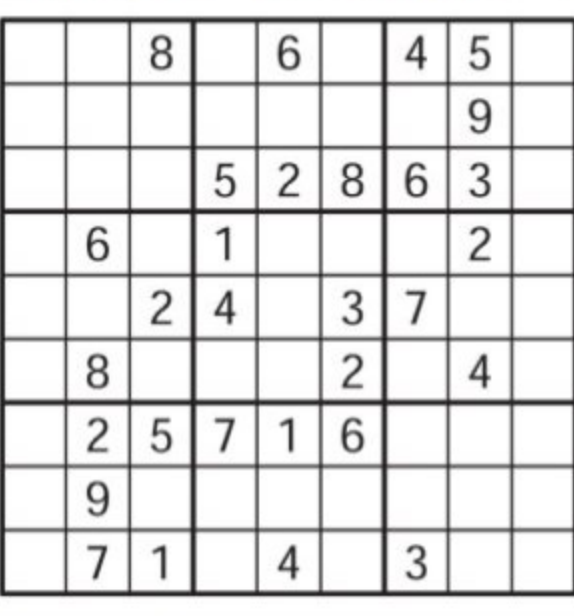
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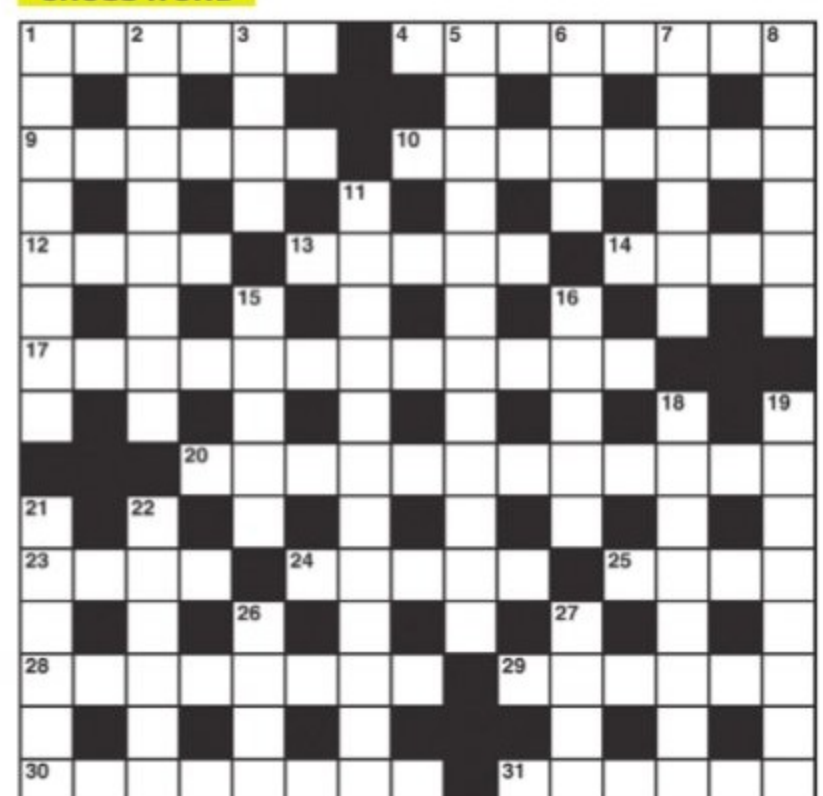
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ACROSS

- Light sleep? (6)
- Go for a walk but with a meal out (8)
- Sudden flood of light material (6)
- Type of porcelain food container (8)
- Qualifying superlative found among the legends (8)
- Going with some hesitation to tender (5)
- French country is profitable (4)
- Go into battle and win some ground (4,3,5)
- Useless demonstration of hunger marches? (5,7)
- Still on level terms (4)
- Lie fifty doubled up in immersion? (5)
- Obsessive but practical person it's said (4)
- It means suspect can go free - absolutely free (2,6)
- She mostly preferred for being fat? (6)
- It's not forgetting you pass through (4,4)
- Confine one after another we hear (6)

DOWN

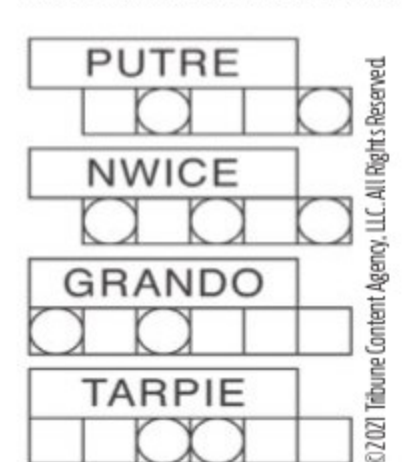
- Let's break to a point that could be lethal (8)
- Sets aside Tom's battle scars? (8)
- One may win it by a head (4)
- Attractive pench on top of the world (8)
- The Bear River in America? (4)
- Name father turns up for an ancestor (6)
- Join forces? (6)
- No prime consideration (12)
- News articles from the Times (5)
- Sort of show to knock you out (5)
- Publicly expose a lightweight understudy (8)
- Abilene way to stimulate fish (8)
- Edible seed for vegetable and fruit (6)
- Eyebrow-raising writer (6)
- Snodding report of Pole in kill (4)
- He's buried in an avalanche (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Heart, 4 Go-ahead, 8 Net, 9 Tide table, 10 Secret, 11 Pound, 13 Noodle, 15 Tophus, 18 Arena, 19 Command, 21 Staghead, 23 Die, 24 Noisy, 25 Luffs.

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

DURATION OF PANDEMIC	CASES REPORTED	DEATHS	DISCHARGES	B'uru Ubtan : 0	Chamarajanagar : 0	Dharwad : 1	Kolar : 0	Shivamogga : 0
2 YEARS, 52 DAYS	■ 133	■ 0 < 0	■ 147 < 116	B'uru Rural : 1	Chikkaballapur : 0	Gadag : 0	Koppal : 0	Tumakuru : 0
	< 154	POSITIVITY RATE	MORTALITY RATE	Baikalot : 0	Chikmagalur : 0	Hassan : 1	Mandya : 0	Udupi : 0
	TALLY	■ 5.99% < 5.99%	■ 1.01% < 1.01%	Ballari : 0	Chitradurga : 0	Haveri : 0	Mysuru : 0	Ukannada : 0
■ TODAY	■ 39,47,496	ACTIVE CASES	RECOVERY RATE	Belagavi : 0	D Kanna da : 2	Kaburga : 0	Raichur : 0	Wijayapura : 0
< YESTERDAY	< 39,47,363	< 1,751	■ 98.94% < 98.94%	Bidar : 0	Davanage : 0	Kodagu : 0	Ramanagara : 0	Yadgir : 0





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BSNL to roll out indigenous 4G network in a week: Union Minister

20% of chip designer engineers & 250 companies working out of the country: Vaishnaw

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INDIA'S indigenous 4G mobile network will be rolled out in a week's time, said Union Minister for Railways, Communications and Electronics & Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw here on Friday.

Addressing a joint press conference with Minister of State for Electronics Rajeev Chandrasekhar on the sidelines of the Semicon India 2022 conclave, he said BSNL has finalised 2,443 sites for rolling out the service.

Both ministers declared that the central government is expected to grant approvals to electronic chip makers in the next 6-8 months as the panel of the Indian Semiconductor Mission (ISM) has been evaluating the process. "Five proposals have been received for setting up electronic chip and display manufacturing plants with an investment of Rs 1.53 lakh crore. The approval will come after the due diligence," Chandrasekhar said, when asked about the alleged de-



Union Minister of State for Electronics Rajeev Chandrasekhar and Union Minister for Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw during Semicon India 2022 | VINOD KUMAR T

lay in the process.

On the policy impact of Tesla CEO Elon Musk taking over Twitter on India, he said there are rules and laws for all social media platforms that remain intact whoever may be the owner. Ashwini said building a semiconductor industry is not a sprint but a marathon. The country has a talent pool that differentiates it from other countries. "About 20 per cent of VLSI (very large scale integration) chip designer engineers

and 250 companies are working out of the country. We have prepared a plan to create a talent pool of 85,000 professionals over 10 years in collaboration with 100 academic institutions and R&D organisations. In all, 5,000 professionals in research, 30,000 engineers and 50,000 others will be trained," he added. Chandrasekhar clarified that India is not in a race with China as it has been laying a road map for a decade to become a key player in the semiconductor sector.

Applied Materials invests Rs 350 crore in Bengaluru

BENGALURU: Applied Materials, the largest semiconductor display equipment manufacturer, on Friday announced that it has invested \$50 million (approximately Rs 350 crore) in Bengaluru to set up a manufacturing facility. The company has acquired a large land parcel in Bengaluru for the facility, which will be used to support its local supply chain, Applied Materials said at the Semicon India 2022 held in Bengaluru. "Applied Materials India recently invested \$50 million to purchase land in Whitefield, Bengaluru, where we plan to expand our engineering infrastructure and support the next phase of our growth," Srinivas Satya, Country President and Managing Director, Applied Materials said. Satya said the new facility can fulfil demands for Artificial Intelligence-specific chips. "We expect this investment to support future product development and R&D, as well as benefit the development of the local supply chain," he added. The company also announced that it will invest Rs 1,800 crore in India. Applied Materials is in India for 20 years and has a team of over 6,000 workers.

India has fastest startup ecosystem: PM

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"INDIA has the talent pool of the world's 20 per cent semiconductor designers. We are investing heavily in imparting skills and training youth for the needs of the 21st century," he said. The Centre has already announced \$10 billion to Semicon India programme which aims to provide financial support to companies investing in

semiconductors.

Listing out the measures taken to transform the Indian manufacturing sector despite the Covid situation, Modi claimed that India has not only improved the health of its people, but also the health of its economy. The country is heading towards a robust economy as it has the fastest growing Startup Ecosystem with new unicorns coming up "every few weeks".

"While the industry works hard, the government must work even harder: India has an appetite for tech and risk-taking. We have put the odds in your favour as far as possible through a supportive policy environment. We have shown that India means business," he stated. He also sought practical suggestions from stakeholders to steer India into becoming a global semiconductor hub.

Upper Bhadra project work going at great speed: CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Jagaluru

CALLING upon the public to make Karnataka 'Number One State' in the country, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Friday said that it is possible if everyone join hands with the government.

Addressing the public during the ground breaking ceremony for various developmental works in the town, he said that it is the BJP which aims at making Karnataka a welfare state.

The long wait for the Upper Bhadra project is over, he said, as it is progressing at a great speed. Former CM BS Yediyurappa had initiated the project in 2008 by allocating funds.

With the launch of the project to fill nine tanks and irrigate 40,000 hectares in Jagaluru taluk, the region once called



CM Basavaraj Bommai inaugurates development works in Davangere

drought prone, will have ample water and greenery on all sides, and the ground water level will also rise, said CM.

Attributing the success of the ongoing Upper Bhadra Project and filling of 57 tanks of Jagaluru to Yediyurappa, Bommai said that based on the directions of the Taralabalu seer Dr Shivamurthy Shivacharya Swamiji the work of filling the tanks was initiated which is on

the verge of completion.

National project status

Bommai said that he is expecting the Centre's approval for declaring the Upper Bhadra Project a National Project. Once approved, it will help in pumping of Rs 16,000 crores to expedite the works.

Industries to create jobs

Along with the improvement in agriculture, the Chennai-Bengaluru-Mumbai industrial corridor passing through Tumkur, Chitradurga, Davangere, Haveri and Dharwad will be developed to generate jobs.

Taking a dig at Congress, Bommai said that Congress had its eyes on vote bank and failed to take initiatives to develop Central Karnataka but the BJP government has sanctioned money for the Tumkur-

Chitradurga-Davangere railway line, whose work will begin shortly.

Milk producers' development

Bommai also said that the government has decided to start 'Nandini Ksheera Abhivrudhi Bank' aiming financial inclusion of the farmers who produce milk, that was announced in the state Budget and a Government Order has also been issued.

This will be the first such bank in the country, he said.

As many as 26 lakh dairy farmers, 14,900 milk producers' cooperative societies, and 15 milk unions in the State will benefit from the bank. "The share capital of Rs 100 crore will be provided by the State government and Rs 260 crore will be provided by the milk cooperative societies and federations and unions," he said.

Cabinet rejig to be taken up during Amit Shah's visit

BENGALURU: While there was much expectation that Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai's visit to New Delhi could lead to a cabinet expansion, insiders suggest that it might have to wait for some time longer. They said Bommai is scheduled to participate in the day-long joint conference of Chief Ministers and Chief Justices of High Courts in New Delhi and will participate in a dinner hosted by PM, and will fly back early on Sunday. Insiders said there is little chance of CM taking part in any other meetings.

BSY CALLS CONG A SINKING SHIP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Davangere

FORMER Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa on Friday said that BJP's victories in the four States have boost the confidence of the Karnataka BJP workers and he exuded confidence of winning 150 seats in 2023 Assembly elections.

Addressing the public during the foundation stone-laying ceremony for various development projects in Jagaluru town, he described Congress as an "orphan" and a "sinking ship", which will lose its existence in Karnataka too.

"The development works initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has led the par-



Former CM BS Yediyurappa addresses the public at Jagaluru town on Friday

ty to victory in four out of five States, which clearly indicates his popularity, and we want to replicate the same in Karnataka," he said.

Taking note of the results from the Uttar Pradesh, the former CM said that the Congress is totally wiped out there. Their last bastion, Karnataka, will be lost soon after the As-

sembly poll results, he claimed. Yediyurappa also said that he along with the BJP team will visit all the constituencies and try to achieve the target of 150 seats determined by the party high command.

"The 2.4 tmc feet of water allocated to Jagaluru will help improve the water table of the drought-prone taluk," he said.

CID swoops down on Divya, four others in Pune

RAMKRISHNA BADSESHI
@Kalaburagi

AT around midnight, Criminal Investigation Department (CID) sleuths arrested five persons including the prime accused Divya Hagaragi from Pune in Maharashtra on Thursday in connection with the PSI-Common Entrance Test (CET) scam.

Hagaragi, who had been eluding police for over a fortnight, is accused of malpractice and manipulation of answer sheets of CET for PSI recruitment at Jnana Jyoti English Medium School in the city. She is the secretary of the institution that was the exam centre for the test conducted in October last.

Besides Hagaragi, the former BJP Mahila Morcha Kalaburagi district president, Sunita, Archana, Suresh Kategaon and Kalidas were arrested, and were brought to Kalaburagi on Friday



CID sleuths bring prime accused Divya Hagaragi to their temporary office at the Alwan-E-Shahi guesthouse

morning.

Acting on a tip off, the CID team led by SP Ragahavendra Hegde including DySP Shankar Gowda Patil went to Pune and nabbed Hagaragi and four others.

There were in hiding and shifting their lairs since the scam was unearthed. The investigators rushed to Pune

upon learning that the accused will be reaching Pune after criss-crossing places.

CID sources said, "Suresh Kategaon and his friend Kalidas who knew Hagaragi for many years helped her in absconding and managed to arrange shelter for her in many places including in the outskirts of Pune".

The accused after arrests were taken for a medical check-up.

The CID has filed an FIR at Chowk Police Station with regard to the scam on April 10. The number of arrests now stand at 20.

Hagaragi and six others were remanded to police custody for 11 days by the third JMFC Court on Friday in connection with the PSI-CET scam.

Sources said that Saddam, Divya's driver, was arrested today along with Jyoti Patil, an employee in the Town Municipality of Shahabad.

Govt's decision on PSI exam confusing: Priyank

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Kalaburagi

AFTER the state government announced its decision to hold re-examination for the posts of PSIs, KPCC spokesperson Priyank Kharge, Chitapur MLA, said that there is no clarity in the government's decision.

Speaking at a Press conference, Kharge said that the Home Minister's statement that exams will be conducted for the students except the accused in the scam is confusing. He asked if the exams mean only written exam or it includes the physical test also.

The investigation which began from the OMR sheet manipulation to using of Blue-tooth devices in exams is yet to be completed. There were reports of illegalities in the physical test also which were held in Belagavi, he said, and added that the government should clarify clarify on whether the exam includes physical tests also.

Kharge said that malpractice have taken place in three aspects : OMR sheets, Blue-

tooth and physical tests in Bengaluru, Hubballi and Belagavi too. It seems the government is focusing only on Kalaburagi district and might allow all other candidates except the 7-8 candidates who have written their exams from Kalburgi centre, Kharge said.

Government should conduct an inquiry in all the exam centres so that the genuine candidates get justice, he demanded. On the arrest of the scam's prime accused Divya Hagaragi, he said that it was not a big achievement and she should have been arrested long back. Instead of arresting Divya immediately, the government pressured CID to harass Congress leaders, he said, and added that for mounting pressure on the government for a free and fair inquiry, the CID has served him two notices. Arrest me and subject me to a Narco test, Kharge challenged.

Divya and Patil's arrests are the first stage of the investigation which is yet to ascertain who had given the money and in which places the scam had taken place, he said.

No injustice to anyone: Araga

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JNANENDRA said they decided to declare the examinations invalid as there were allegations of irregularities in exams conducted at more than one exam centre.

Asked if it is not unjust to honest candidates who had cleared the examinations, he said the decision to annul the examination is not an injustice to anyone as they can clear the examination again. Also, more candidates will get the opportunity as those involved in the irregularities will not be allowed to take the tests. "We have not annulled the notification, we have only declared the examinations invalid. We will not call for applications again and those who had taken the tests earlier will be given another opportunity," the minister told TNIE.

He said they will also contemplate tougher rules to ensure that there are no irregularities in the recruitment process. Bommai rubbished the Opposition's allegation that ADGP (Recruitment) Amrit Paul was transferred due to the scam. It was part of a routine process, he added.

Hubballi clash accused quizzed over B'desh link

ARUNKUMAR HURALIMATH
@Hubballi

SUSPECTING that a few of those arrested in connection with the Hubballi violence have a link with a neighbouring country, the central intelligence team is said to have recently visited Hubballi and interrogated them.

After the riots at Old Hubballi, the police had arrested a total of 154 persons who allegedly threw stones and caused violence. Some of the accused have fled the city after the violence who were later nabbed.

Police sources said that the phone call records show that one of the accused has con-

tions with Bangladesh. Therefore the central intelligence team from other places visited the city and interrogated the accused. But they refused to reveal more details. Hubballi Dharwad police commissioner Labhu Ram said they are investigating, and as the judicial custody of the arrested ends on Saturday, they will plead for extension before the court.

BJP hits out at Cong leader

Congress leader BZ Zameer Ahmed Khan allegedly distributed Rs 5,000 and ration kits to family members of accused. Condemning it, BJP members submitted a memorandum to the police.

Narayan slams Cong over food kits to accused

Bengaluru: Higher Education Minister Dr CN Ashwath Narayan condemned Congress leader Zameer Ahmed for offering Iftar food kits and Rs 5,000 to the families of Hubballi violence accused. He said, "It is the attitude of Congress to politicise things and take advantage".

Five on the bench, K'taka Bhavan turns 'refugee camp' for officers

BANSY KALAPPA @Bengaluru

THERE appears to be a surfeit of officers at Karnataka Bhavan in New Delhi - while the allocation is for two civil servants from the IAS and IPS, four extra officers were posted here. When the opposition raised a hue and cry about it, the government just went ahead and posted one more officer.

Seven officers are now holding charge of two posts. And the opposition is left to fume and fret. Jibes that the Karnataka Bhavan has turned into a "parking lot" for officers were tactically ignored. Opposition leader Siddaramaiah, who had raised the issue on the floor of the House and pointed out that Karnataka Bhavan had become a "refugee colony" for officers,

told TNIE on Thursday, "Karnataka Bhavan has become a place of refuge for All India Cadre officers. It is obviously a waste of precious resources."

Former CM HD Kumaraswamy, who was aware that five extra officers were posted there, said, "The officers have offered reasons like children's education or some other excuse and sought postings in Delhi. They

earn a handsome salary, in addition to enjoying perks. In Karnataka, there aren't enough officers to redress the woes of the poor."

Former IAS officer T R Raghunandan, who fought corruption through his organisation 'IPaidABribe' said, "Karnataka Bhavan requires two officers. Period. But it has been used either as a parking lot for officers

who want to wangle postings in Delhi, or a punishment posting. To post five extra officers there is a joke when in Bengaluru, nearly every officer is holding dual charge and is overworked."

When contacted, Chief Secretary Ravi Kumar said, "Three officers are not in these positions." But that still leaves four officers holding two posts.

Staff of aided schools must get festival advance: Horatti

HUBBALLI: Legislative Council Chairman Basavaraj Horatti has urged the government to extend the festival advances to the staff of government-aided education institutions as was being offered to government servants. Raising this issue with the Primary and Secondary Education Minister BC Nagesh, Horatti stated that while it came to notice of the government that the staff of aided schools were being denied the benefit of the Festival Advance, it has issued an order in 2002 itself to extend the facility pending changes to be made in the rules.

QUICK JUSTICE

Guntur fast-track court sentences youth to death

₹10 lakh, a site, 5 acres of agricultural land given to victim's family

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Guntur

A fast-track court in Guntur sentenced an accused in the murder of a B.Tech student to death on Friday. On August 15, 2021, Sasi Krishna had stabbed Ramya to death at a crowded junction. The investigation and trial in the case have been completed in a record time of nine months after the chargesheet was filed.

Termining the crime heinous and brutal, fast track court Judge G Ramgopal in his verdict awarded death sentence to the accused under IPC Section 302.

Nallapu Ramya, a 20-year-old B.Tech student from Paramayakunta in Guntur district, befriended 22-year-old Kunchala Sasi Krishna - a native of Mutlur, Vattichikuru mandal - on social media. He was a mechanic by profession. After he began harassing Ramya in the name of love, she blocked him.

Perturbed, the accused started stalking her with an intention to hurt her. On August 15, Sasi Krishna stabbed

Ramya eight times near Sri rinivasa Vilas Hotel on Kakani Road in Guntur.

With the help of CCTV footage, police identified Sasi Krishna and nabbed him later that evening at Molakaluru near Narasaraopet. The accused had tried to slit his throat after being caught.

Under the supervision of DSP Ravi Kumar, 36 people were questioned and a chargesheet under IPC Section 302 was filed within a week.

After the court proceedings began on December 31, Sasi Krishna tried to escape the police during one of the hearings. Following which he was lodged in Guntur jail for nine months.

An ex-gratia of ₹10 lakh, a house site and five acres of agricultural land was given to the family. Ramya's sister Mounika was offered a government job. Besides, ₹8.25 lakh was sanctioned, of which ₹1.8 lakh has been released, for the construction of the house.

Public prosecutor N Sharada Mani interrogated 28 eyewitnesses and recorded

their statements at the Guntur Special Court since December 7, 2021. The judge examined the CCTV footage, heard arguments and completed the trial on April 26, 2022 while the verdict was pronounced on Friday.

"The case is even more sensational as the crime was committed on Independence Day and that too in broad daylight in front of public. It is the rarest of the rare cases," said public prosecutor Saradha Mani. Thanking the government and the district police for the speedy trial, Ramya's parents expressed satisfaction but remarked that "true justice will be served when the judgment will be implemented."

"We are happy with the verdict. I hope Ramya's soul will find peace," the victim's father said. Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy welcomed the fast track court's verdict and congratulated the police and public prosecutor who took up the case with 'Disha' spirit. "This case has set an example of our commitment towards women safety and security," a statement from the CMO read.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kochi

THE POLICE on Friday confirmed that Vijay Babu has left for Dubai from Bengaluru, even as the actor-producer approached the Kerala High Court seeking anticipatory bail. Meanwhile, another person came out on social media levelling sexual assault charge against him.

Kochi City Police Commissioner Nagaraju Chakkilam said it was confirmed that Vijay Babu flew out to the Gulf city from Bengaluru airport two days after they received the rape com-



plaint against him. Police had checked with the Bureau of Emigration after collecting his passport details. "We expect him to cooperate with the laws of the country," he said. Police started recording statements of his friends and associates in the film industry, especially crew of the movie 'Home', produced by him, the commissioner said.

The HC sought the state government's view on Vijay Babu's anticipatory bail petition and adjourned it for hearing after summer vacation. Though no law prevents

his arrest, police usually wait for the outcome if an accused moves court for anticipatory bail.

However, legal experts say Vijay Babu's anticipatory bail won't stand chance in the court as the applicant should be physically present in the country when applying for the bail. Former Director General of Prosecutions (DGP) T Asaf Ali said that there is a ruling by Justice K T Sankaran that anticipatory bail is a recourse for a person facing imminent arrest.

"As the accused is already abroad, there is no imminent threat of an arrest (in this case)," he said. In his petition,

Vijay Babu alleged that the actor who filed the rape complaint against him, used to call him at odd hours and send messages frequently to his mobile phone. She regularly made attempts to keep the relationship with him, he alleged. The actor-producer said he has kept all messages, photos and videos sent from the mobile number of the complainant intact and is prepared to produce it before the investigating agency.

Meanwhile, a post appeared on Facebook page 'Women Against Sexual Harassment' levelled another allegation of sexual assault against Vijay Babu.

EXPRESS READ

Youth assaults KSRTC driver, conductor

Mysuru: In a bizarre incident, a youth allegedly stopped a KSRTC bus near Maddur and assaulted the driver and conductor for not bringing his 'lover' in the bus. The victims are identified as driver Shivakumar and conductor Kumaraswamy. According to them, a youngster stopped the bus near the Gejjalagere booth in Maddur taluk of Mandya and asked them why they did not bring his lover in the bus. When they responded and asked who his lover was and they were not aware of it, he started abusing them and picked up a fight.

3 cemeteries of 1500 BC found at BR Hills

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mysuru

THE research team headed by University of Mysore's Ancient History and Archaeology assistant professor V Shobha discovered a prehistoric cemetery at Biligiri Ranganathaswamy Temple Hills.

The team found three graveyards at Bhodipadaga village in Chamarajanagar taluk which comes under Biligiri Ranganathaswamy Temple Tiger Reserve. The graveyard is believed to be of 1500 BC.

The archaeologists are excavating the area to find more remnants of the past. The three graveyards were found around



The research team at Biligiri Ranganathaswamy Temple Hills | EXPRESS

300 metres away from an agriculture land atop the hills where the team found broken pieces of the pots and stone

structures. The biggest grave which was discovered at the site measures 9 metres and the smallest is 4.5 metres.

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No:KBJNL/ALBC-DN/DM/TND/Head works & others/2022-23/253 Date: 25.04.2022

ADDENDUM/ CORRIGENDUM NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement only)

Vide this office tender Notification No: KBJNL/ALBC-DN/DM/TND/Head works & Others/2021-22/2956 Date: 28.03.2022, tender for 08 works were invited. Due to unavoidable reasons the calendar of events are rescheduled as below.

Event of Tender	Previous dates	Modified dates
Access and Submission	04.04.2022 to 16.04.2022 up to 5.00 Pm	29.04.2022 to 09.05.2022 up to 5.00 Pm
Opening of cover-I (Technical Bid)	18.04.2022 at 11.00 Am	11.05.2022 at 11.00 Am
Opening of cover-II (Financial Bid)	21.04.2022 at 11.00 Am	18.05.2022 at 11.00 Am

The rights of acceptance/rejection of tender at any time, without giving any reason had with undersigned. Further information about electronic tendering can be had from <http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/ines.seam> and www.kbjnl.karnataka.gov.in and can be had from the office of undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, KBJNL, ALBC Division, Almatti

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Indian Overseas Bank
Information Technology Department
Central Office: 763, ANNA SALAI, CHENNAI-600002
Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) invites bids for the following

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL SUPPLY, IMPLEMENTATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SUPPLY CHAIN FINANCE SOLUTION - RFP REFERENCE NUMBER: RFP/ITD/001/22-23 DATED 27.04.2022

The RFP document for the above tender is available in bank's e-tendering website <https://iobtenders.auctiontiger.net> and www.iob.in. For RFP details and future amendments, if any, keep referring to the following website <https://iobtenders.auctiontiger.net>.

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I, Lakshman W/o. Ramaswamy, residing at: Kuchigodanahalli Village, Venkateswarastraddi Post, Kasaba Hobli, Kanakapura-580056, I have lost my Original Registered Agreement of sale executed on dated-19.07.2019 doc-No-40882019-20 and Registered Cancellation of agreement executed on dated-25.02.2021 doc-No-11509-2020-7 for property bearing House No.170/170/2, E-Property No. 15200220300300190, measuring East to West 8.84 meter and North to South 14.82 meter, total 129.32 sq meter Situated at Kuthigodanahalli Village, Somayajanehalli Gram Panchayath, Kanakapura Block, Ramnagara District, while travelling from majpete to Kanakapura KSRTC bus.

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Central Office: 763, ANNA SALAI, CHENNAI-600002
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A Mini Ratna Company
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NOTICE

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No-HE-UE-COMM-0001-2022 / HE, Dated _____

ADVERTISEMENT FOR APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHANCELLOR OF SHRI JAGANNATH SANSKRIT UNIVERSITY (PURI, ODISHA)

N-04: Applications are invited from eligible candidates below 63 years of age (as on 1st Oct 2022, i.e. born after 01.10.1959) for the position of Vice-Chancellor of Shri Jagannath Sanskrit University, Puri, Odisha. The applicant should be a distinguished academicians of proven academic and administrative excellence and a well-rounded personality with a minimum of 10 years of experience as Professor in a University system or 10 years of experience in an equivalent position in reputed research and / or academic organization.

The post carries a pay of Rs. 2,10,000/- (Rupees two lakhs and ten thousand) with Special Allowance of Rs. 11,250/- per month and other usual allowances such as Dearness Allowance. Provision of pay protection is applicable for candidates belonging to Central or State Government Public University or Institution. The tenure of the Vice-Chancellor will be four years from the date he/she assumes office or till he/she attains 67 years of age; whichever is earlier.

The applicants are required to apply in the prescribed application proforma through e-Mail (only in .pdf format) to our e-Mail ID (hedsec.od@nic.in) mentioning "Application for the post of Vice-Chancellor of Shri Jagannath Sanskrit University" as the subject of the e-Mail. The e-Mail, containing the application in .pdf format, should reach the e-Mail inbox of this Department by 31.05.2022. Besides, one set of application (physical copy), complete in all respect along with supporting documents, should also be sent (by SPEED POST only) to the undersigned so as to reach the undersigned by 31.05.2022. E-Mail and Hard Copy applications received after this date will not be considered. The prescribed application proforma can be downloaded from this Department website www.dhe.odisha.gov.in and Shri Jagannath Sanskrit University website <http://sjsv.nic.in>.

Shortlisted candidates will be called for interview (to be held in Bhubaneswar in physical mode) by a three-member Selection Committee. After interview, the Committee will recommend three candidates to the Chancellor (i.e. The Hon'ble Governor of Odisha) who will select one candidate for appointment as Vice-Chancellor.

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(For Bridge Works - As per Standard Bidding Document K.W.-3 in two cover system)

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000, the Undersigned invites Tenders in two cover system through e-procurement portal from eligible Contractors registered in PWD. Those interested in participating in the tender can submit the tenders from 26.04.2022 to 04.05.2022 up to 4.00 pm. (1) Last date for objections-doubts and clarifications: 26.04.2022 (at 3.00 pm during office hours) (2) Last date for submission of filled tenders: 04.05.2022 (up to 4.00 pm) (3) Date of opening Technical Bid: 07.05.2022 at 4.30 pm. (4) Financial Bid will be opened after approval of Technical Bid. For more information visit website www.kpwd.gov.in or contact this office during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.W.D. Chikkaballapura Division, Chikkaballapura.

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Adv.No.: 35/2022 dated 29.04.2022 Registrar

JODHPUR VIDYUT VITARAN NIGAM LIMITED
Corporate Identity Number (CIN) - U40109RJ2000SGC016483
Superintending Engineer (Material Management & Contract Wing)
Regd. Office: New Power House, Industrial Area, Jodhpur-342003, Phone: (0291) 274223, Fax: (0291) 2746539

SHORT TERM E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

E-Procurement Short Term Tenders are invited for purchase of Substation Structure for Mounting of 11/0.4 KV Transformer on Double Pole (166.746KG) under TN-1807 (UBN JV2223GLOB00049), 1.4 m long M.S. Channel Bracket with Clamp TN-1808 (UBN JV2223GLOB00051) and 33/11 KV Sub-station Structure set (Rural) under TN-1809 (UBN JV2223GLOB00050). Details regarding Quantity, Tender cost, Earnest Money, Schedule date of tender opening for aforesaid tenders are available on our website at www.jdvnl.com and also at <http://sppp.rajjasthan.gov.in>

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GULBARGA ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
Office of the Superintending Engineer Elec.,
O & M Circle, GESCOM Bellary
Ph: (08392) 268933, 268634
Fax: (08392) 268635 E-Mail: seeballari1@gmail.com

No.SEE/BLY/EEE(O)/AEEE(O)/2022-23/F-74/CYS-24 Date: 28-04-2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (e - procurement mode only)

Tender are invited in E - Procurement mode only for availing the services of (a) Data Entry Operators (b) Office Boys (c) store Helpers & (d) Sweepers & Drivers to the H.B.Halli Division in O & M Circle, GESCOM, Ballari through outsource contract agencies.

Cost of the estimate: Rs.38,87,203

Bid Enq. No.	Particulars
Tender - 06	Providing Services of Data Entry Operators, Office Boys, Sweepers, Stores Helpers (Assistants), Workers & Drivers for day to day office work to the H.B.Halli Division in O & M Circle, GESCOM, Ballari.

The details will be available in web site : www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after 30.04.2022 @ 11hours For any clarifications and details please contact office of the under sign during office hours Ph : 9448359009 and 9035761821,08392-274084.

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer Elec.,
O & M Circle, GESCOM Bellari

KARNATAKA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
No.49, "Parisara Bhavana", 1st to 5th Floor, Church Street, Bengaluru - 560 001, Karnataka State, INDIA.
Ph: 25581383, 25589112, 25589113 Fax: 080-25586321
E-mail : ho@kspcb.gov.in Website : <https://kspcb.karnataka.gov.in>

No: PCB/119/SE/O/MINES/EPH/2022-23/601 Date:28/04/2022

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTIFICATION

Sri Venkatesh V Saka, has proposed Pink Granite Quarry of capacity 5,000 cum per annum over an area 4-30Acres (1.923 Ha.) in Patta Land at Sy.No. 123/1/1, 123/1/10, 123/2/4, 123/2/5, 123/2/10 & 123/2/11, Hoolagere Village, Kustagi Taluk, Koppal District. The project has to obtain Environmental Clearance from SEIAA, Government of Karnataka, as per the EIA Notification dated 14.09.2006 (as amended on 01.12.2009), and is required to go through Environmental Public Hearing. As per the SEIAA, Government of Karnataka, Terms of Reference letter (ToR) No. SEIAA 534 MIN 2021 dated: 14.01.2022 and request of the project proponent letter dated 25.02.2022, the Environmental Public Hearing is being conducted by the Board.

The details of the project are as follows:

- Name of the Company & Address: Sri. Venkatesh V Saka Ward No. 01, Joshi Galli, Ilkal- 587125, Hungunda Taluk, Bagalkot District.
- Proposed Location of Quarry: Sy.No. 123/1/1, 123/1/10, 123/2/4, 123/2/5, 123/2/10 & 123/2/11, Hoolagere Village, Kustagi Taluk, Koppal District.
- Details of proposed activity: Pink Granite Quarry of 5,000 cum per annum.
- Pollution Control Measures: Sewage generated will be disposed off in soak pit. Rainwater collected during the rainy season in the mine will be used for dust suppression and plantation. Regular sprinkling of water on haul and access roads. Regular maintenance and servicing of mechanized equipment and vehicles used for site cleaning. Plantation of thick green belt is provided around lease area boundary.
- Date, time and venue of environmental public hearing: 31.05.2022 (Tuesday) at 11:00 AM at the proposed project area of Sy.No. 123/1/1, 123/1/10, 123/2/4, 123/2/5, 123/2/10 & 123/2/11, Hoolagere Village, Kustagi Taluk, Koppal District.
- Places of availability of project documents as per EIA Notification, which is kept open to public are: (a) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Koppal District, Koppal. (b) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Koppal. (c) District Industries Centre, Koppal. (d) Taluk Panchayat, Kustagi. (e) Village Panchayat Office, Hoolagere. (f) Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Koppal. (g) SEIAA, Karnataka (Ecology and Environment), Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, Government of Karnataka, Room No. 706, 7th Floor, 4th Gate, MS Building, Bengaluru - 560 001. (h) HELP DESK, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ground Floor, No.49, Parisara Bhavan, Church Street, Bengaluru - 560 001.

NOTE: Suggestions, views, comments and objections of interested bonafide residents, environmental groups and others located at project site and likely to be affected by the proposed project are invited within 30 days from the date of publication of this Notification. They can also make oral/written/E-Mail suggestions to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board/Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee (Deputy Commissioner, Koppal District, Koppal). Interested public can participate in the Public Hearing at the above place. For details please visit our Website: kspcb.karnataka.gov.in

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Email ID: sbi.11349@sbi.co.in

STATUTORY SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF MOVEABLE ASSETS E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF MOVEABLE ASSETS

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers / Guarantors that the below described movable assets charged/hypothecated to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Bank, the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on **16.05.2022** for recovery of **Rs.64,99,988/-** (Rupees Sixty Four Lakh Ninety Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Eight Only) as on 16.04.2022 and further interest at contractual rate from 17.04.2022 on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges, etc, due to the Bank from **M/s. 2Mechanix Motor Works**.
The Reserve Price will be **Rs.5,00,000/-** (Rupees Five lakh Only) and the Earnest Money Deposit will be **Rs.50,000/-** (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only) Last Date within which EMD to be remitted is **14.05.2022**.

DESCRIPTION OF MOVEABLE ASSETS

Tender No: SBI/INCUBE/2022-23/1

LISTS OF MACHINERY

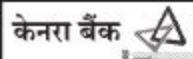
Sl.No.	Brand / Model	Description of the Asset
1	Multibrand	General hand tool kit – 2 No.
2	Dell Vostro 3471	PC HCL Intel - 1 No.
3	The Chair House	Chairs - 10 No.
4	Adom India Alica	Sofa Sets - 1 No.
5	Amazon Brand	Dining Table for Technicians – 1 No.
6	Customized	Work Benches - 2 No.
7	Customized	Steel Lockers for Technicians – 1 No.
8	Vacmaster Beast	Industrial Vacuum Cleaner - 1 No.
9	RHINO 4 HC	Two Post Lift (Clear Floor) (Electro Hydraulic 4 Ton) - 2 No.
10	FOX 3D PT Version	Manatec Make Fox 3D Wheel Aligner – 1 No.
11	DL 65 DSP c+	Manatec Wheel Balancer -1 No.
12	TC XL 40	Manatec Tyre Changer -1 No.
13	Icool A/C	Recirculating -1 No.
14	ME-PC-40	Plasma Cutter -1 No.
15	ME-PB 700ECO	Paint Booth (7 meter) -1 No.
16	ME-AC 5/250	Reciprocating type Air cooled compressor -1 No.
17	HP 1020+	Printer -1 No.
18	Oil Drainer	Oil Drainer – 1 No

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in <https://bankeauctions.com>, www.tenders.gov.in and Secured Creditor's website i.e. www.sbi.co.in.

Date: 27.04.2022

Place: Bengaluru

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
SBI, Incube Branch



VIJAYA NAGARA BRANCH
No.53, Magadi Chord Road,
Vijayanagar Bengaluru - 560040,

DEMAND NOTICE (SECTION 13(2)) TO BORROWER/GUARANTOR/MORTGAGOR

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

We, **Canara Bank, Vijayanagara Branch, Bengaluru**, had issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 by Registered Post with Acknowledgment Due (RPAD) to the addressees furnished to the Bank as mentioned below. Since the notice has not been acknowledged and returned due to non-availability of addressees at the said addresses / due to evading of service of the notices sent by RPAD, notice could not be served. Further, Bank had served the said demand notices by affixure at the addresses given. The contents of the said notices are mentioned herein below.

Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor :
1) **Harishnayaka**, 178/26, Thiriveni Road, 4th Cross, 7th Main, K N Extension, Yeswanthpur, Bengaluru-560022. 2) **Girishnayaka**, 178/26, Thiriveni Road, 4th Cross, 7th Main, K N Extension, Yeswanthpur, Bengaluru-560022. 3) **Venkatesha D**, No.41, Dwarakavas Road, B E L Layout, 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560091.

Details of the credit facilities availed by the borrower:

Sl. No	Loan Number/ Nature of loan limit	Date of Sanction	Limit Rs.	Liability Rs.	Rate of Interest
1	1146619017653 HL	13.06.2006	Rs. 6,50,000/-	Rs. 39,13,587/-	11.70% + Penal Int.

Total Liability Amount: **Rs.39,13,587/-** (Rupees Thirty Nine Lakh Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty Seven Only) with interest thereon.

NPA Date : 13.10.2006 Demand Notice Dated : 13.04.2022

Description Immovable Property: Name of title holder: **Mr. Harishnayaka**

All that piece and parcel of the Residential property bearing Site No. 75, Assessment No.101 of No.432, Herohalli Village, Yeswanthpur Hobli, Bengaluru, North Taluk Bounded by: North by: Property of No.75, South by: Private Property East by: 25th Road, West by: Site No.84.

You are hereby called upon to pay **Canara Bank**, within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, the amount mentioned here above, failing which **Canara Bank** will take necessary action under the provisions of the said Act, against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers and the Guarantors. The powers available to **Canara Bank** under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the Borrower / Guarantors / Mortgagor including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising secured assets and any transfer of secured assets by **Canara Bank** shall vest in the transferee rights in or in relation to, the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you. In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in the Demand Notice affixed and also Hypothecated / Mortgaged to the bank without prior written consent of the Bank. The notice is issued in terms of Section 13(2) of the said Act.

Date : 28.04.2022

Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

PUBLIC NOTICE

FOR LOSS OF DOCUMENT

Mr. F. Mansoor Ali, S/o. Late Saheb Peer, do hereby notify that the original Allotment Letter vide No. 99/2000/-, dated: 11-05-2009, issued by Yyalikalav House Building CO-Operative Society, has been lost or misplaced and in this regard he has sworn to an affidavit and lodged a police complaint with vide Lost Report No. 0212630/2022, dated: 29-04-2022.

Mr. F. Mansoor Ali
Mobile No. 9845467559



BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II, BANGALORE

NO. 4, JEEVAN NAGALA BUILDING, HAVES ROAD, RICHMOND TOWN, BANGALORE - 560 025.
Original Application No.605/2020

BETWEEN:
CANARA BANK ...APPLICANT

AND:
SRI. ANAND.H ...DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993, BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

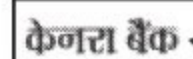
To,
1. **SRI. ANAND.H** S/o Sri. Hanumappa, Aged about 45 years, Residing at Yellur Village, Channarayana Patana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk - 562110.

2. **SMT. SHASHIKALA** W/o Sri. Anand.H, Aged about years, Residing at Yellur Village, Channarayana Patana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk - 562110.

Whereas, an Application which has been filed by the Applicant above named under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993, praying to issue a Recovery Certificate against you to repay the Applicant Bank a sum of **Rs. 1,41,33,700.00 (Rupees One Crore Forty One Lakh Thirty Three Thousand seven hundred Only)** together with interest at the contracted rate and also future interests, has been registered by this Tribunal.

You are directed to appear before the DRT-II, Bangalore on **03/06/22 at 11:00 A.M.**, in the forenoon in person or by a Pleader/ Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted. Take Notice that in case of default, the Application will be heard and determined in your absence. Given under my hand and Seal of this Tribunal, on this 01/04/22.

By the Order of the Tribunal
Sd/- Registrar, DRT-II, Bangalore



Electronic City II Branch
198 12, 35/1, Kornappa Agrahara, Bangalore - 560 100
Ph: 080-28520102, M: 7337702456, email: cb10494@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE

Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Electronic City II Branch** of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **30/05/2022 at 10.30 A.M. to 11.30 A.M.** for recovery of **Rs.75,31,287.00** (Rupees Seventy-five lakhs Thirty-one Thousand Two Hundred eighty-seven Only) with Future Interest and costs due to **Electronic City II Branch** of Canara Bank from **Mr. Raveesh Singh, S/o. Late Virendra Singh**, No.D06, Silver Country Apartment, 48/210, off Sarjapur Road, Kudlu Lake, Dev Residency, Phase 2, Bengaluru-560068.

The reserve price will be **Rs.53,70,000/-** (Rupees Fifty Three Lakhs Seventy Thousand Only). **EMD – Rs.5,73,000/-** (Rupees Five Lakh Seventy three Thousand only). The Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **26/05/2022 at 4 pm**.

Details and full description of the immovable property

Residential Flat: All that Residential apartment bearing No.102 situated in first floor of the residential building by named 'Brindavan Annexe', measuring 1488 sq. ft. of super built-up area including proportionate share in common areas and one covered car parking space in the still floor along with 491 sq.ft. of undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in the converted land bearing Sy. No.101/2 and measuring to an extent of 10 Guntas and that portion of converted land bearing Sy.No.101/1 and situated at Haralur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, presently falls in the limits of BBMP, Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore vide his orders bearing No.ALN(EVH)/SR/199/2011-12 dated 15/09/2011 and order bearing No.ALN(EVH) SR/221/2012-13 dated 30-01-2013 and bounded by East: Road, West :NSR Brindavan Apartments, North: Private Property and South: Land bearing Survey No.101/3 and the scheduled apartment is bounded on the East by: Open to Sky, West by: Common Corridor, North by: Open to Sky thereafter Flat No.101, South by: Open to Sky and Flat No.103.

EMD shall be deposited by way of DD favoring "Authorised officer, Canara Bank, Electronic City Branch - II, Bangalore" OR through online (RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer) to credit to the account number -209272434, **Canara Bank, Electronic City Branch - II, Bengaluru-IFSC Code: CNRB0010494** on or before **26.05.2022 upto 4.00 pm**. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer service providers Website : <https://indianbanknaseauction.com> or may contact or may contact Authorised Officer **Electronic City II Branch, Canara Bank Ph. No. 28520102, mob:7337702456, Email: cb10494@canarabank.com** during office hours on any working day. OR the service provider M/s.Canbank Computer Services Ltd, Bangalore, Contact Person Mr. Pakhare D D/Mr.Ramesh T H, Mobile: 9480691777 /8553643144, Email Id: sauction@ccsl.co.in.
Place: Bangalore
Date: 29-04-2022
Sd/-
Authorised Officer



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CIRCLE OFFICE EAST : SASTRA DEPARTMENT

No.26-27, Raheja Towers, M.G. Road, Bangalore - 560 001.

Tel. No. 25095087, Mail id : cs8191@pnb.co.in.

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act(SARFAESI), 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property(ies) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical/ symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/ Secured Creditor from the respective borrower (s) and guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit is mentioned in the table below against the respective properties. **STATUTORY : 30/15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER Rule 8(6) / Rule 9 (1) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002.** **This may also be treated as notice u/r 8(6) Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s of the said loan about the holding of E-Auction Sale on the below mentioned date.**

SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS

Sl. No.	1)Name of Borrower/ Name of the Account Name of the Branch	Description of the immovable Properties Mortgaged/Owner's Name (mortgagers of property (ies))	A) Dt. of Demand Notice u/s 13(2) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 B) Outstanding Amount C) Possession Date u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 D) Nature of Possession Symbolic/Physical /Constructive	E. Reserve Price F. Last date of deposit of EMD G. Bid Increase Amount H. EMD (Earnest Money Deposit	1. Date of Auction 2. Time of Auction	Details of the Encumbrances known to the Secured Creditors
1	1) M/s SSG Exports Partners : Mr Pawan Kumar M and Mrs Latha Preethi M 2. M/s Malleiala Infrastructure Pvt Ltd Directors : Pawan Kumar M, Mrs Latha Preethi M and Mr Charan Kumar Konki Jayanagar (PNB)	Residential site bearing No. 308-109(Old Site No. 308) in all measuring 3039 sq ft situated at 23rd Cross 2nd main Road 6th Block Jayanagar Corporation Ward No. 59, Bangalore-560011, presently within the limits of BBMP and bounded on East by : Road, West by : Private Property, North by : House under construction property of Neelakanta and South by : Property No. 307/77 of Latha Preethi. Landmark : Near Yediyur lake Jayanagar The property owned by Mrs Latha Preethi M.	1. A) 13.10.2021 B) Rs.6,58,18,602.00 plus interest and charges from 01.10.2021 C) 04.02.2022 D) Symbolic 2. A) 13.10.2021 B) Rs 4,52,18,851.26 plus interest and charges from 01.10.2021 C) 04.02.2022 D) Symbolic	E) Rs.6,02,00,000/- F) 26.05.2022 upto 4 pm G) Rs.25,000/- H) Rs.60,20,000/-	1. 31.05.2022 2. 11.00 am - 4:00 pm	Nil
2	1) M R Distributors Prop: A R Mohd Saleem Bangalore Cantonment (PNB)	Vacant residential site located at No. 22, khatha no. 27, Bellahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli Bangalore North taluk admeasuring 1200 sq ft and belonging to Mohd Nayeemulla. Bounded on the East by : Road, West by : Site No. 33, North by : Site No. 21 and South by : Site No. 23.	A) 06.12.2019 B) Rs 16 lakhs plus interest and charges C) 04.03.2022 D) Symbolic	E) Rs.13,00,000/- F) 26.05.2022 upto 4 pm G) Rs.10,000/- H) Rs.1,30,000/-	1. 31.05.2022 2. 11.00 am - 4:00 pm	Nil
3	1) M/s Arovea Pinnacle Pvt Ltd Director : Shri Varun Kumar M N and Smt Sreelakshmi H N (Jayanagar-128700) (PNB)	Residential Triplex flat at No. S-001 2nd, 3rd and 4th floor, 'Linea Apoorva' situated at property bearing Municipal No.451/9, 18th Main Road, 4th T Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore standing in the name of Smt Sreelakshmi H N and Shri Varun Kumar M N having super built up area of flat 4833 square feet and undivided share of land 1107.08 square feet and bounded on the East by : Site No. 478, West by : 18th Main, North by : Site no. 452 and South by : Site No. 450. The property owned by Smt Sreelakshmi H N and Sri Varun Kumar M N.	A) 07.02.2022 B) Rs.283 lakhs plus interest and charges C) 19.04.2022 D) Symbolic	E) Rs.4,78,00,000/- F) 26.05.2022 upto 4 pm G) Rs.25,000/- H) Rs.47,80,0000/-	1. 31.05.2022 2. 11.00 am - 4:00 pm	Nil

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- The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions. (1) The auction sale will be "online through e-auction" portal <http://www.mstcecommerce.com>.
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TRIM CESS FOR MORE FAIR PLAY IN FUEL TAX

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call for 'cooperative federalism' has cheesed off the non-BJP ruled states. At the Covid-19 review meet with chief ministers early this week, Modi underscored the need for fuel tax cuts and singled out seven states for not reducing state VAT on petrol and diesel in line with the Centre's excise duty reductions last November. States wasted no time accusing the Centre of 'coercive, not cooperative' practices given their economic distress due to rising social welfare expenditure. Critics also point towards the Centre's discrimination of states making fish of one, flesh of the other, while in reality it itself hasn't rolled back all of the pandemic-era excise duty hikes. Moreover, even in states that reduced VAT, the reduction is just pin money.

The tax-cut reminder also snacks of political parties' self-fulfilling philosophy of—politics today, economics tomorrow. Far from reducing excise duties, the Centre last month slapped us with 14 price hikes in 16 days flat. Fuel prices are market driven, but the flurry of paisa-by-paisa tax hikes followed only after a 137-day price freeze when Assembly elections concluded.

The unwillingness of states on fuel taxes largely stems from their sensitive finances. With the GST rollout, states have only two key components to tinker with—fuel and liquor taxes. Incidentally, both fetch handsome revenue, which is why both the Centre and states want their fill. The Centre had earned about ₹8 lakh crore from fuel taxes in the last three years, the highest being last fiscal at ₹3.71 lakh crore. However, very little was shared with the states as the divisible pool is steadily shrinking. For instance, if about 41% of the Central taxes on diesel were shared with states in FY15, thanks to high cesses, it has fallen to a jaw-dropping 5.7% now. This prompts an apt reminder to the Centre of the first rule of leadership: Everything is your fault. Perhaps restructuring fuel taxes with higher base tax and lower cesses will increase states' outgo and as a bonus, pass-through to consumers will be fairer than now.

HOW PERMANENT IS KISHOR-CONG RIFT?

The last chapter of the Prashant Kishor-Congress story is yet to be written. The election strategist has walked out on the grand old party for the second time. The parting this time has not been as bitter as the previous one. When things didn't work out between the two last year, Kishor had hinted that there was some leadership tussle between the party and him. In a tweet, he said that the leadership of the Congress was not the divine right of an individual. The two sides seem to have overcome this issue. Kishor has accepted that the leadership of the Congress would remain in the hands of the Gandhi family even if the party decides to appoint a non-Gandhi as the new president. It would be like a corporate arrangement where the family owns a company and hires a CEO to run it.

What Kishor wanted this time was the post of the CEO. He wanted to report directly to the family. But the family already has a full board in place that is packed with trusted loyalists. It appreciated Kishor's plan and expressed its willingness to adopt it. But it was not ready to accept Kishor's demand of putting him above the board. The family asked him to join the board and work as an equal with other members. Kishor could have worked his way up as a board member and become first among equals there by translating his plan into action and reviving the party's electoral fortunes. But Kishor is a man in a hurry. He wants the best. And he wants it now. What he does not realise is that he has managed to get an old elephant to move. And that is no mean achievement. But to be able to ride the elephant and make it run, he would need to earn its confidence, which can only happen over time.

It is clear to both the Gandhis and Kishor that they need each other. The tussle is only on the terms of engagement. It is but natural for some old loyalists on the board to feel insecure at the arrival of a new favourite. But the company owner seems to have decided to reverse the negative results. A third round of talks with Kishor, therefore, cannot be ruled out.

EDITORIAL

Powerful countries have attacked nations like Iraq, Syria, Vietnam and Yemen with impunity. And none held them responsible for waging such futile wars

SAVING THE WORLD FROM THE SCOURGE OF WARS

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The opening line of the preamble of the United Nations' Charter states, "To save succeeding generations from the scourge of war". These lines resonate the core value upon which the United Nations was built. This international body was created to make sure the world doesn't have to suffer through another horrific war.

However, even after the formation of this institution, powerful countries have attacked nations like Iraq, Syria, Vietnam and Yemen, with impunity. And none held them responsible for waging such futile wars.

Given below are the common reasons why a nation or its leader wages war against other countries. 1) Narcissistic and sadistic ambition of a leader to prove oneself superior. 2) A country, for economic reasons, wants to annex another nation and take away its resources. 3) Fear of being suddenly annexed or overwhelmed due to the build-up

of troops around the country. 4) To maintain balance of power so that no country or person becomes too powerful. This could also be the reason for the US, UK and EU joining forces against Russia. 5) A sadistic leader who wants to prove his/her strength and ends up killing thousands of people. 6) To distract civilian attention from the main problems of the economy to an unwanted event. This is often witnessed when Pakistan keeps on creating small wars along Indian borders.

There are a multitude of reasons to wage wars against countries, but if we diligently look for a rationale behind it, in most cases one will find that it is completely unnecessary.

Looking at war from a different perspective, we will find it is a result of well-planned economic interests that fuels powerful economies.

For example, huge quantities of arms and ammunition are sold all over the world. Even the defence budget of many countries including

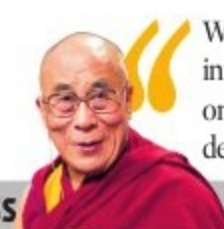
peaceful nations like Sweden, Norway and Finland has gone up after Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Similarly, terrorism is a huge industry designed by powerful nations to destabilise other countries. For example, Pakistan has been funded for many years to create terrorists who routinely attack India. This is done to distract the public opinion and also keep up the sale of weapons.

Another ugly side of war is to deliberately create refugees who are then employed as cheap labour in developed countries. Moreover, it



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Warm-heartedness is not blind when it is combined with intelligence. We view behaviour as harsh or gentle largely on the basis of appearances, but the real distinction depends on the motivation with which it is done

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leads to the problem of human trafficking. Refugees, especially women and children, are thrust into this unkind world. Children are forced to engage in child labour while women are sold as sex workers.

David Krieger, president of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, said, "The way things stand, war is too easy."

In this age of social media, it is not difficult to dehumanise the enemy. It is too easy for leaders to commit horrific crimes and not pay the price. It's time to change the rules so that those who wage war will face appropriate consequences. Some ways in which warfare could be halted are: 1) Leaders in power encouraging the concept of warfare should themselves be directly involved in the proceedings of the battle. 2) The citizens should be taught to empathise with the other side. They should be familiarised with the stories of "enemy" children as this will remove any grudge

es or stereotypes the citizens harbour against them. It is much more difficult to slaughter an enemy who one recognises as being part of one's family. 3) We should uphold the International Criminal Court and make sure it stays an autonomous body, so leaders from around the world can be tried for their crimes in a fair manner. All leaders who commit such appalling crimes must be held accountable under international law. 4) Any elected leader who promotes or supports war should be impeached. 5) The citizens should rise up and demand that their government follow the Constitution and find a way to achieve peace.

It is time for world leaders and the United Nations to come together and put an end to bloodshed and warfare. Without a firm commitment and decision to abide by it, wars will continue and may end life on the planet.

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AN ODISHA IDOL IN OZ, PROVENANCE RESEARCH & ETHICS

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Interpretations of laws and international conventions have to do more with the spirit of the legislations and should not provide legal loopholes for possessors of illicit objects to claim good title. The 1970 UN Convention on Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property did not have the muscle to enforce its provisions retrospectively but it does lay down the spirit: "For cases of return or restitution that do not fall under the preceding provisions, such as objects stolen from private property or coming from illicit excavations or not yet listed, bilateral negotiations between States are encouraged, according to Article 9 of the Convention."

In this present article, we look at one such instance where the National Gallery of Australia (NGA) has gone to a great extent to uncover the provenance of a 12th century Prajnaparamita, Goddess of Wisdom, that it bought. Yet, the NGA failed to fulfil the one purpose for which it was done. We must however thank the diligent work of Lucie Folan, the NGA's then curator of Asian Art, in uncovering the provenance and the subsequent publication of the same as "The Wisdom of the Goddess: Uncovering the Provenance of a Twelfth-Century Indian Sculpture at the National Gallery of Australia". However, we do not agree with some of the key interpretations and are also sad that despite all the publicity given to stolen art works returning to our country, this idol has not been taken up by Indian authorities, culture ministry, the ASI or the state of Odisha.

Let us look at the facts of the case as revealed in the exhaustive provenance research of the NGA, which as we see shortly, should have been done in 2002 and not in

2014 (in the wake of the Subhash Kapoor scandal).

The museum obtained the sculpture in 1990 for \$75,000. But in 2002, "The NGA learnt of the Prajnaparamita's probable place of origin, or ancient provenance. ... LACMA curator Stephen Markel informed NGA curators that the Prajnaparamita had been documented at the ruins of a fort at Choudwar in the Cuttack district of Orissa in 1928, and published in Ramaprasad Chanda's 1930 Exploration in Orissa. Referring to a photograph of the work, Chanda wrote, 'A seated image of Prajnaparamita with a sweet smiling face was unearthed a few years ago and is now installed in the open paddy field and worshipped by the villagers as the village Godling'."

Lucie Folan's provenance work continues: "Markel also reported that the Prajnaparamita was listed as missing from ... NK Sahu's 1958 Buddhism in Orissa. Discussing Choudwar, Sahu wrote, 'Unfortunately this place has been denuded of its art-treasures by curio hunters and icon seekers and ... beautiful sculptures which were seen here by Sri R P Chanda in 1928 are found missing. ... Among the Buddhist sculptures of Choudwar, mention may be made of a Prajnaparamita image, which is missing, but the photograph of it is fortunately preserved.'"

Now is where the interpretation anomalies creep in: "Neither the site of Choudwar nor its Prajnaparamita sculpture was enumerated in the 1931 List of Ancient Monuments Protected under Act VII of 1904 in the Provinces of Bihar and Orissa, published by the ASI. The 1928 photographs of Prajnaparamita indicate that the sculpture was known to the ASI. It is therefore reasonable to expect it to be in-

cluded in the 1931 survey, had it been in situ at that time. ... However, the lack of any reference to Choudwar may equally indicate that the site itself was not protected by The Ancient Monuments Preservation Act of 1904."

Nevertheless, the provenance work goes on to note the following from the ASI publication: "It [The ancient monuments preservation Act of 1904] is not to be regarded as comprehending every ancient monument in the province; for certain important monuments are definitely excluded. ... among these are the famous temples at Bhubaneswar. ... it has not been possible to secure the owners' consent to notification on terms that would allow of the Archaeological Department's accepting responsibility for the maintenance of the monuments in a manner appropriate to their archaeological importance."

How would one interpret the



Prajnaparamita (Goddess of Wisdom) sculpture from Odisha's Choudwar. It is now in the National Gallery of Australia

above? It clearly mentions important monuments in Bhubaneswar—meaning under-worship temples like the Lingaraj or Raja Rani wherein the ASI was facing push-back from the owners. This should be read along with Section 10 of the 1904 Act: "The powers of compulsory purchase ... shall not be exercised in the case of—(a) any monument which or any part of which is periodically used for religious observances."

We have already seen that the villagers were worshipping the Goddess from the 1928 book reference. Further the 1904 Act covers "Traffic in Antiquities" and deems it so important to have a separate Section 17 called "Power to Central Government to control traffic in antiquities". As can be clearly seen from this Section, trafficking of antiquities was recognised as a serious crime even in 1904. Now we look at incriminating evidence about the curio hunter/icon seeker from the NGA's provenance work: "A writer, artist, feminist and social activist ... Frieda Mathilda Hauswirth Das studied at the University of Stanford in California where she was taught philosophy by the Marxist Indian revolutionary Lala Har Dayal. ... According to her book A Marriage to India, Hauswirth then married Sarangadhar Das who was from Odisha. ... Hauswirth wrote to (William) Norman Brown (1892–1975), Indian art curator at the PMA from 1931 to 1954, as an amateur collector seeking to sell several sculptures that she acquired in Odisha and brought to the US in around 1929 or 1930. In a letter dated March 14, 1931, she wrote, 'I am sending you photographs of the sculptures which I bought from India. They are all from the province of Orissa, some from districts as yet practically unexplored. The Hariti and Infant Pindola were excavated for me two years ago on the estate of a friend at Lolitagiri which is one of a group of three hills that contain immense and as yet barely recorded Buddhist ruins. All the other sculptures are from Cuttack dis-

trict. ... I was negotiating for the Padmapani. ... My Hindu friends obtained the Padmapani for me after five weeks of negotiation, but did not get hold of the Tara until a whole year later and then forwarded it to me in New York.' In a second letter, dated March 20, 1931, Hauswirth Das wrote, 'I have been basing my price of the Orissa sculptures on the sum I received from the sale through an agent of a statue sold to the Detroit Museum in 1928. ... However, as the last two years have been particularly difficult years, I am willing to set far lower prices for an immediate purchase. ... If, however, you should consider acquiring a good part of the collection at one time, I will quote a still more special price. ... for five of the main pieces—the Padmapani, Hariti, Tara, Prajnaparamita and Tirthankara taken together I would at present accept five thousand three hundred dollars. ... I received for my own share \$2000.00 from the Detroit sale.'"

The usage of words and phrases such as "excavated for me, bought, negotiation, forwarded", etc., are clear red flags as there is obvious illegality in almost every action of hers. And the provenance research renames "forwarded" as "exported".

The provenance work notes: "Undeniably, Hauswirth Das disturbed the archaeological record when she obtained Prajnaparamita and was probably one of many site collectors. ... There are therefore troubling aspects to the Prajnaparamita's history that the NGA has yet to fully reconcile."

Based on all of the above, it is indeed a travesty that despite the pioneering efforts of diligent scholar Ramprasad Chanda for the ASI, a documented antiquity was smuggled out of India by a curio hunter who had no intention other than commercial greed to put them up for sale in the US. The villagers of Choudwar have a superior claim on their Godling and we hope the NGA and the Government of India work to bring her back home.

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Discrimination by China

China blocking the return of 22,000 Indian students enrolled in universities there, while allowing those from Sri Lanka, Pakistan and Thailand to come back to resume their studies, is strange and incomprehensible (Apr 29). It is up to Beijing to clearly spell out the logic and reasons behind this unfair action. CG Kuriaikose, Kothamangalam

Ensure women safety

This is with reference to *Make Kerala film industry safe for women* (Apr 29).

The Kerala film industry, notorious for the actress abduction case that has been in court for years, needs measures to ensure the protection of women. The government, whose silence is a matter of concern, should ensure the safety of women in the entertainment industry. Elizabeth Koshy, Pathanamthitta

Foes become friends

The recent bonhomie between Bihar CM Nitish Kumar and RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav has raised eyebrows in political circles. Until some time ago, they were

at loggerheads. Now the Iftar parties have helped them look at new political alignments. Politics is a game where nothing can be ruled out and the two leaders may join hands in Bihar to isolate the BJP in the coming days. S Ravindranath, Bengaluru

Wisdom of the elderly

This is with reference to *A route map to improve our care for the elderly* (Apr 26). It is heartening that in many countries, governments are taking utmost care of the elderly through

legislation. The author has stressed the need for familial bonds. Parents should explain to their children how their grandparents raised their families amidst hardship. Grandparents should be consulted about the problems in a family and apart from tapping into their wisdom, such inclusivity would boost their self-esteem and make them happy. The saying 'When an old person dies, a library is lost' highlights the value of the elderly. R Sridharan, Chennai

Stepmotherly treatment

Today we are sleeping peacefully in our homes because the defence forces are guarding the frontiers. Both military and paramilitary forces put in a lot of effort to serve this country. During their service, they get all kinds of facilities, but once they retire, the paramilitary forces are neglected unlike their Army, Navy and Air Force counterparts. The government should ensure there is no stepmotherly treatment. Vishal Mayur, Tumakuru

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At that altitude and in that terrain, it is difficult to mobilise heavy weapons but new system will help in that regard

Army looks for artillery guns to be used along LAC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Indian Army is set to get stronger firepower along its northern borders with China. Authorities have issued Request For Information (RFI) to procure 105mm/37 calibre mounted gun systems.

As per the RFI issued by the Indian Army on April 29, the field regiments will be equipped with the mounted gun systems for better shoot and scoot capability for operations in the mountains.

"The proposed mounted gun system will be employed in mountains and high-altitude areas along the northern borders of the country for execu-

tion of artillery tasks," the RFI mentioned.

Considering the terrain and altitude, it is difficult to mobilise weapons which are heavy but the above mentioned system will help solve that issue.

"These guns will have smaller barrels which may bring down the range which in case of mountains will be enough to reach between 25-30 kms as the atmosphere is rarefied," said Lt General (retd) VK Chaturvedi. "Also, due to mobility these will be mounted on vehicles that can be moved to positions

These guns will have smaller barrels which may bring down the range which in case of mountains will be enough to reach between 25 to 30 kilometers as the atmosphere is rarefied —Lt Gen (retd) VK Chaturvedi



which otherwise are difficult. Also, the system will be comparatively safer from the counter bombardment of the enemy," added Lt Gen Chaturvedi, a former artillery officer.

Apart from its long range artillery systems like Bofors, the Indian Army also uses light-weight Howitzers which can be moved fast. The Army also uses towed gun systems which are cumbersome and difficult to move. India and China are involved in a protracted stand-off along the LAC in eastern Ladakh which began in May 2020.

Although disengagement of troops from some areas has taken place, it still persists at Hot Spring, Depsang and Demchok.

As per the RFI, the gun system should be able to fire all in-service ammunition at the time of trials and also have the capability to operate on existing roads and tracks in mountains and high-altitude areas.

In addition to indirect engagement of the targets, the gun system should have the capability to engage targets by direct firing or direct and indirect firing during day and night. The system should also have built-in test facility to support fault finding.

LT Gen Raju new Vice Chief of Indian Army

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Centre on Friday confirmed that Lieutenant General BS Raju will be the next Vice Chief of the Indian Army. It's a rare move, considering that there are only a few instances of an officer with the experience of commanding a Corps being promoted and elevated as an Army Commander.

"Lieutenant General Baggavalli Somashekar Raju will take over as the Vice Chief of the Army Staff (VCoAS) on May 1," said a statement.

Lt Gen Raju commanded a battalion during Operation Parakram in the Western Theatre against Pakistan and in Jammu & Kashmir. As a Brigadier, he commanded the Uri brigade along the Line of Control (LoC), a counter insurgency force and the Chinari Corps in the Kashmir Valley.

Speed up process to fill HC vacancies, says CJI

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FLAGGING the issue of vacancies during the 39th Chief Justices' conference, CJI N V Ramana on Friday urged the Chief Justices of all the 25 High Courts to send names for elevation as judges at the earliest.

Inaugurating the conference, which took place after a gap of six years, the CJI also highlighted the judiciary's collective efforts, which he said helped fill 126 vacancies filled in less than a year. The Supreme Court has got nine new judges, while 10 new Chief Justices of High Courts have been appointed and 50 more appointments are expected to take place soon, he added.

"This remarkable feat could be achieved because of your wholehearted cooperation and commitment to the institution. I request the Chief Justices of

high courts, which are still having vacancies, to forward the names for elevation at the earliest," the CJI said.

Justice Ramana also emphasised that High Court CJs should keep social diversity in mind while expediting the process of recommending names for elevation.

He said the aim and object of the conference was to discuss and identify the problems affecting the administration of justice. Several issues of concern were brought to his notice and he had been taking up those issues with the Government of India, the CJI said.

The conclusions and resolutions from the Friday conference will form the basis of deliberations in the Joint Conference on Saturday. "We will take these up with the government, and attempt to build consensus around the same."



CJI N V Ramana and others at the Chief Justices' conference in New Delhi | PPT

Court relief for students pursuing MBBS abroad and stuck in India

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Friday held that students pursuing MBBS from foreign medical institutes cannot be granted provisional registration to complete their internship in India without completing the entire duration of clinical training.

However, in view of a large number of Indian students coming back because of the pandemic and the Ukraine crisis, the court directed the National Medical Commission (NMC) to frame a scheme as a one-time measure within two months to allow these students to undergo clinical training in India in medical colleges which may be identified by the NMC for a limited duration.

The court gave the judgement on a plea filed by NMC against a Madras HC order that said that instead of three months of clinical training in China, two months of training would be sufficient for provisional registration apart from the 12 months of internship.

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Bricks on the ground as security personnel patrol after a clash between two groups near Kali Mata Mandir in Patiala on Friday; (R) A group of people protest against Shiv Sena workers near the same spot | PPT

CURFEW IN PATIALA AFTER CLASH LEAVES FOUR INJURED

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

PATIALA district authorities on Friday imposed a curfew in the city after four people were injured in a clash and stone throwing during an anti-Khalistan protest. The police had to fire in the air to scare away a crowd brandishing swords and sharp weapons.

The injured included station house officer Karamvir Singh and two civilians. No arrests have been made so far.

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has ordered an inquiry amid a severe criticism of the AAP government by the opposition.

The trouble started when Shiv Sena (Bal Thackeray) activists led by Harish Singla tried to take out a protest march from Arya Samaj Chowk to Kali Devi temple. Members of a Sikh outfit and Nihangs opposing the march gathered at a spot and a clash looked imminent.

The police tried to stop armed Sikh activists from marching towards the temple raising pro-Khalistan slogans. The police had denied permission to both protest marches.

The police fired 15 rounds in the air to bring the situation under control. The situation, however, remained tense as

Displeased CM holds high-level meeting

Punjab CM Bhagwant Singh Mann held a meeting of police and other officials to assess the situation and expressed displeasure over the way it had been handled. The intelligence wing of the state police had alerted the district police that such an incident might take place, but the district police took the input lightly. Mann ordered an immediate inquiry

pro-Khalistan supporters staged a sit-in at a roundabout and continued to raise separatist slogans.

Sources said the police have registered a case against unknown persons in a firing and stabbing incident in which one person was injured.

Singla said the banned Sikhs for Justice convener Gurpatwant Pannu had given a call to mark the foundation day of 'Khalistan' on April 29. "The Shiv Sena will never allow Khalistan to be formed in Punjab or anywhere in the country," he said.

Sources said the state unit of Shiv Sena led by Yograj Sharma had earlier expelled Harish Singla for anti-party activities. Singla, however, said Sharma had no authority

to expel him.

Patiala District Commissioner Sakhshi Sawhney has clamped curfew in the district from 7 pm today to 6 am on Saturday. She has also appealed to residents to maintain peace and harmony. She said the situation was under control and continuously monitored.

The ruling AAP in a statement issued by its chief spokesperson Malwinder Singh Kang said, "The incidents at Patiala are the doings of our political opponents, who were rattled with the breaking of various nexuses by the government. The government is dealing with the situation effectively. The CM has convened a meeting of senior officers to take stock of the situation in the city."

Former CM Amarinder Singh, who belongs to Patiala and whose ancestors ruled the area before Independence, blamed the "incompetence of the new government" for the communal tension. He said the law and order situation was continuously deteriorating in Punjab.

"Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, who also holds the Home portfolio, has no authority of his own, as all decisions are taken by Arvind Kejriwal," said Amarinder.

Who goes where? Ministry to keep a tab on tourists

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

IF you are travelling to other places, you will be monitored. The ministry of tourism has set the ball rolling for a nationwide survey of domestic and foreign tourists to understand travelling behaviour, purpose, expenditure pattern and for profiling.

The data will be collected by the state governments and Union Territories. The ministry will facilitate the survey and provide financial assistance to carry it out.

The findings will be used to study capacity building of the states and UTs by identifying major tourist destinations in a district, entry and exit points, and accommodation units. The exercise is aimed at providing a strategised boost to tourism.

Government officials in the know of things said the ministry has invited bids for empanelment of agencies through which the survey will be conducted. Separate tenders has been issued for each region — north, south, east, west and north-east.

"The state tourism departments will rope in an empanelled agency or agencies to undertake the survey in each

district. The ministry will provide financial assistance. The state tourism departments will share the statistics on foreign tourist visits (FTV) and domestic tourist visits (DTV) with the ministry. On the basis of the collected data, tourism policies will be drafted," said an official.

The data will be collected every month. For speeding up data entry, compilation, analysis and reporting on a

monthly basis, a mobile application will be provided. The official said that the ministry has also engaged the National Productivity Council under the Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) for preparation and deployment of an integrated automated dashboard for submission of data collected by the states.

The council will also impart training to state-level supervisors of the agency selected, on the methodology of conducting the surveys. Subsequently, they will train field surveyors and ensure good quality surveys. The survey to assess purpose and preference will be collected from major destinations, entry/exit points and accommodation units.

ACCIDENTS RISING

Child rights body asks states to conduct safety audit of school vehicles

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

CONCERNED about the number of accidents involving school-going children, the national child rights body has written to the states and UTs to conduct safety audits of buses, autos, mini-vans and other vehicles used for transportation of children to schools.

In two separate letters addressed to the state transport departments and the state education departments, the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) chief Priyanka Kanoongo highlighted the accidents involving schoolchildren in different states. "Most of these incidents are linked to injury/death of students on school transport," he said.

Kanoongo said schools have reopened after the Covid-19-related restrictions, but they don't seem to be following guidelines for safe transport. He told the transport departments to conduct a safety audit of school transportation vehicles and asked for a compliance report by May 31.

"It is important that appropriate steps be taken to prevent untoward incidents, where safety and security of children are compromised due to negligence of school authorities and inability to take timely action," Kanoongo said.

In his letter to education departments, he said these incidents are primarily linked to school infrastructure. He said that other than Covid-19 protocols, there are other guidelines to ensure that children learn in a safe environment.

His letter to the states came in the wake of schoolchildren meeting with tragic accidents. On April 19, a four-year-old lost his life after being run over by his school bus in Gurugram. On April 22, a Class IV student, peeping out of the bus window, died after his head hit a pole in Ghaziabad.

Covovax added to vaccine pool for 12-17, no decision on inoculating kids below 12 yet

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE National Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (NTAGI) has approved the Serum Institute's Covid-19 vaccine Covovax for the 12-17 age group. But no decision was taken on vaccinating children below 12 years, official sources said on Friday.

The Covid-19 working group of the NTAGI decided to include Covovax in India's immunisation programme against Covid-19, sources said. They had earlier reviewed data related to Covovax.

NTAGI is the highest advisory body on immunisation in the country, consisting of independent experts who provide recommendations to the government after reviewing data

on disease burden, efficacy and cost-effectiveness of vaccines.

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Cases rising in Maharashtra, mostly in populated places

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

COVID-19 cases have started rising in Maharashtra once again. These are mainly in the populated places like Mumbai, Thane and Pune.

There were 943 active cases in the state on Friday. According to Maharashtra health department data, Thane has witnessed a 40.77% surge in cases in the last week and Mumbai 40.77%. Cases have increased by 33% in Raigad district.

The data revealed that on April 16, there were 624 active cases in Maharashtra. It went up to 762 on April 21 and 916 on

April 24. Most of these cases — 549 — are in Mumbai. Pune has 215, Thane 77 and Dhule 19. The districts of Ratnagiri, Sindhudurg, Satara, Nandurbar, Latur, Osmanabad, Wasim and Wardha reported zero active cases.

Of the 943 active cases, 37 are admitted to hospitals, 892 are asymptomatic, while 14 are serious. Ten of them are in ICU and four on oxygen support.

The data revealed that positivity rate is highest in Dhule (4.83%), followed by Pune (1.53%) and Akola (1.42%). In nine districts, weekly positivity rate is more than the state average of 0.73%.

	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	45	27	Mumbai	34	28
Bhopal	42	27	Panaji	33	28
Jaipur	41	28	Patna	39	27
Amritsar	41	24	Lucknow	41	29
Chennai	38	30	Port Blair	33	27
Kolkata	36	29	Imphal	29	17
Srinagar	29	11	Chandigarh	48	28

PMO says 'no' to Bengal proposal for Modi-Mamata meeting this weekend

Cites PM's 'tight' schedule; CM was planning to raise issue of ED, CBI 'targeting' TMC leaders

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

THE PMO has declined a proposal by West Bengal government that sought a meeting of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee with Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the former's two-day visit to the national capital.

Mamata landed in New Delhi on Friday evening to attend a conference of chief ministers and judges scheduled on Saturday.

Even though the Bengal CM was all set to discuss a slew of issues ranging from the state's dues from the Centre to the use of agencies like CBI and ED against Trinamool Congress leaders with the PM, the South Block told the state government that the meeting would not be possible because of Modi's "tight schedule".

The PMO's red signal came amid Mamata hitting out at Modi on the issue of states charging VAT on fuel price. The PM, in a virtual meeting with chief minister to discuss the

Covid-19 situation, had requested the opposition-led states to reduce VAT on fuel.

The TMC leadership said they were looking forward to the meeting of Mamata and Modi. "In the virtual meet, the CM didn't get any chance to express her opinion. There were several issues needed to be discussed with the PM face-to-face, especially Centre using its agencies against our leaders," said a senior TMC leader.

Referring to her Delhi visit, Mamata on Thursday said, "This time, I don't have any meeting with the Prime Minister." Sources in the state government said the CM made the statement after there was no green signal from the PMO confirming her meeting with the PM. Mamata, however, did not specify it.

Hours after Mamata's arrival in Delhi, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal met her; their first meeting after the recent Assembly polls in five states. "It was a courtesy call," TMC leaders said.



Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal greets his West Bengal counterpart Mamata Banerjee in New Delhi on Friday | PTI

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BIHAR POLITICKING

Miffed Nitish to skip Union minister's meet

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

AMID the chatter of a political realignment in Bihar, where ruling partners BJP and JD-U are not on the same page on a range of issues, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar is learnt to have decided to skip a meeting called by the Union law minister with chief ministers in New Delhi on Saturday and instead to travel to Purnea to inaugurate the first ethanol production plant in the state.

Nitish's absence at the Union minister's meeting is perceived as a display of his anguish over the state's government of some BJP leaders about their endeavours to replace him with a leader of the saffron party, which is now in the role of the 'big brother' in the state. BJP MLA Vinay Bihari had recently said Nitish should be removed and replaced by a BJP leader as the chief minister.

Sources said state law minister Pramod Kumar will represent Nitish at the meeting

in the national capital.

The possibility of Bihar's political contours being redrawn has gained ground after Nitish and RJD leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav exhibited unusual bonhomie at two Iftar parties hosted by their respective parties within a week. The duo on Friday attended another Iftar being hosted by HAM chief and former chief

minister Jitan Ram Manjhi.

Meanwhile, all eyes are on RJD chief Lalu Prasad who is reaching the state capital on Saturday after being released on bail by a Ranchi court in a fodder scam case. "This time he is expected to stay for an extended period in Patna," RJD spokesperson Mritunjay Tiwari said.

Lalu is arriving at a crucial juncture when the NDA partners are facing a rough weather. Nitish's Iftar meetings with RJD leaders could also be his ploy to keep the BJP under pressure, said political analyst Pramod Kumar.



FIR 'false', Jignesh gets bail in assault plaint by cop

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Guwahati

GRANTING bail to Gujarat MLA Jignesh Mevani in a case of "assault" of a woman police officer, an Assam court on Friday rapped the police for filing "false" FIR against the legislator.

The district and sessions court, Barpeta, where Mevani had moved a bail application on Thursday, dismissed the charges levelled against him.

The court said although the Barpeta Police had registered the FIR under section 294 IPC, for uttering of slang words at the woman police personnel, there was no mention of the words uttered. In the light of this, the court said the case should not have been registered under section 294 IPC. "As the first informant did not mention what were the obscene words uttered by the accused, the word 'slang' used in the FIR cannot be held to be an obscene act as per section 294 IPC," it said.

The court further said the alleged pushing down of the first informant into her seat also cannot be held to have been done with intent to outrage her modesty and that too, in presence of two police officers. "No sane person will ever try to outrage the modesty of a lady police officer in presence of two male officers," the court said.

It said there was no evidence, not to speak of availability/unimpeachable evidence, as the statement of the two police officers accompanying the first informant could not be treated to be admissible in evidence. In view of the same, the commission of the offence under section 354 IPC by the accused prima facie has not been established.



Smoke billows from a forest fire in Shimla on April 23 | PTI

24 forest fires a day in Himachal this month

HARPREET BAIWA @ Chandigarh

WITH an unprecedented heat wave this April, forest fires in Himachal Pradesh have also seen a spurt. On an average, the state has seen 24 forest fires daily this month with a total of 645 blazes reported till Wednesday.

A total of 4,977 hectares of area have been affected by the fires, which have caused maximum damage to pine trees that constitute about 15 per cent of the total forest cover in Himachal.

The forest fire season in Himachal usually lasts from April 1 to June 30. This year, the fires started two weeks early due to a sudden rise in temperature and prolonged dry spell, a senior official of the department said. "Some 9,000 forest fire volunteers have been roped in to help the forest department staff to report and contain the fires. Home guard volunteers and ITBP and police personnel

also are extending help. We have identified 150 most vulnerable forest ranges and are taking extra precautions there. The Forest Fire Alert Messaging System is being updated quarterly," the official said.

Forest officials claim that most fire incidents are caused by human negligence and start in and around habitations. Specific instructions have been issued to all the field officers to ensure publicity material is distributed to people to make them aware about consequences of forest fires.

Environmentalists have suggested that a policy should be framed and the inflammable pine should be replaced with broad-leaved trees in the lower hills. "While most reports put the blame of fires on rising mercury and rural miscreants, much of the blame also lies with the afforestation policies, which till the 1980s pushed pine monocultures," said environmentalist Manshi Asher.

MERGER MAKES BJP'S NAGA ALLY STRONG

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

IN a major political development in Nagaland, 21 of the 25 MLAs of Naga People's Front (NPF), led by former Chief Minister TR Zeliang, on Friday "merged" themselves with the Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP) which heads the state's ruling coalition United Democratic Alliance or UDA.

The merger assumes significance as the state will go to polls early next year. In September last year, the ruling coalition had accommodated

the NPF, which was then the only opposition party with members in the Assembly, in the government, thereby making it an "all-party" dispensation which was later named UDA.

According to political observers in the state, the NDPP's ties with the BJP, which is a component of the government, have strained in recent months.

A few days ago, the CM had stripped Deputy Chief Minister Y Patton (of BJP) of the roads and bridges portfolio

and offered the portfolio of land resources but he rejected it. Patton has for long been aspiring to be the CM.

With the elections round the corner, the development indicates the NDPP wants to become less dependent on the BJP. It now has 42 MLAs in the 60-member Assembly. Assembly Speaker Shringain Longkumer wrote in an order that he has received the claim of merger of 21 MLAs of NPF with NDPP. "They have stated in their in-



BJP on fast track to bag Cong RS seat

VINEET UPADHYAY @ Dehradun

THE Uttarakhand BJP is all set to bag the only Rajya Sabha seat held by opposition Congress in the state.

The ruling party has started the process of finalising the nominee for the seat — currently held by Pradeep Tamta of Congress — which will fall vacant in July.

Madan Kaushik, state BJP president said, "We will have meetings and discussions to finalise the panel of names out of which one will be selected for the Rajya Sabha election nomination. A list of six names will be forwarded by the state unit to the central leadership in the first week of May."

The list is likely to include two women. Uttarakhand has total eight seats in both House of Parliament — five in Lok Sabha, the Lower House, and



Two former CMs likely to be in list

The names which are in discussion include former chief ministers Trivendra Singh Rawat and Vijay Bahuguna, and Kailash Gehloti, who recently vacated Champawat Assembly constituency for incumbent Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami

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The women probables in the list include Swaraj Vidwan, a member of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes, and Deepthi Rawat, national general secretary of Mahila Morcha of the saffron party.

At present, the ruling BJP has five Lok Sabha members and two Rajya Sabha members from the hill state.

Anil Baluni and Naresh Bansal are the Rajya Sabha MPs from the BJP.

The BJP is likely to win the RS seat as the party has majority in the Assembly, with 47 out of 70 seats.

HANUMAN CHALISA ROW

Rana couple part of plot to topple Maha govt: Cops

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

IN the sedition case involving the Rana couple, the Mumbai police on Friday filed an affidavit before a special judge alleging that the couple was part of a larger conspiracy of the BJP to topple the Maha Vikas Aghadi government.

Independent MLA Ravi Rana and his wife Navneet Rana, a Lok Sabha MP, recently announced recitation of Hanuman Chalisa outside Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray's residence. They were arrested on sedition and other charges.

Opposing bail for the couple, public prosecutor Pradeep Gharat on Friday submitted a 19-page affidavit of the Mum-

bai police against the Rana couple. The affidavit said the couple faced serious charges of forgery and attempt to murder. The court will hear the bail application on April 30.

The affidavit claimed that the alleged conspiracy was meant to create a law and order situation. "Some BJP leaders who have been deprived of power are strongly opposing the administrative policies of the present government and criticizing Shiv Sena for their stand on Hindutva. Therefore, political parties including independent MLA and Lok Sabha MP are raising a non-issue alleging that the Chief Minister is against Hindutva," said the affidavit.



Power consumers hit by cyber criminals

Cyber fraudsters have not even spared energy consumers in Bihar. Senior officials of two power companies in the state received numerous complaints about money withdrawn from bank accounts on the pretext of avoiding disconnection of power supply. The complaints have been forwarded to the state cyber crime cell to identify the fraudsters and initiate action against them. ADG, Economic Offences Unit, Nayyar Hasnain Khan urged consumers to remain alert and to not share details of their bank accounts with anonymous callers. Gullible consumers were sent text messages followed by links on mobile phones asking them to deposit money to avoid disruption of power supply.



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PATNA DIARY

Buzz over Tejashwi's house shifting move

RJD supremo Lalu Prasad Yadav's younger son Tejashwi Prasad Yadav will soon shift from his mother Rabri Devi's 10, Circular Road residence to a Polo Road bungalow, which was allotted to him after being elected as leader of the opposition in Bihar Legislative Assembly. It is speculated that Tejashwi is apprehensive that his elder brother Tej Pratap Yadav, who has shifted to Rabri Devi's bungalow from his MLA flat a couple of days ago, may misbehave with party's state president Jagadand Singh and MLC Sunil Singh if the latter visits him. Both Jagadand and Sunil are not in good terms with Tej. Moreover, Tejashwi is feeling uncomfortable after the entry of Tej to Rabri's residence.

State gears up for promoting sports talents

Bihar is gearing up to make its presence felt in the 2028 Summer Olympics to be held in Los Angeles. A resolution to promote sports talents in the state was adopted at a two-day sport conclave organised by the Bihar State Sports Development Authority (BSSDA) from April 28 to 29. BSSDA director general Ravindran Sankaran said the main objective behind organising the conclave is to search talents in the field of sports and promote them so that they could perform well at sports events both at national and international levels. He urged Achyutananda Samanta, founder of KIIT-Kandhamal, Odisha, to adopt boys and girls of Bihar till sports infrastructure is fully operational in Bihar.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

THE Madhya Pradesh High Court has issued notices to the state government and the police over the bulldozing of "illegal properties" in Khargone town which was hit by communal clashes during Ram Navami processions early this month. These are the first notices being issued by the HC on the issue.

Two notices were issued by the high court's Indore bench on April 22 and April 23 on writ petitions filed by the owners of a restaurant and a bakery, respectively, which were demolished by the local authorities on April 12.

The notices have been issued by two separate benches of the high court in Indore to the MP government, state home department, inspector general of police (Indore Range), Khar-

gone district collector and chief municipal officer of Khargone Nagar Palika Parishad.

In the first petition pertaining to the demolition of a portion of Waqt Restaurant, the single judge bench of Justice Pranay Verma directed the respondents to file replies within four weeks. On the other petition pertaining to demolition of Super Bakery, another single judge bench of Justice Subodh Abhyankar issued notices to the respondents, seeking reply in six weeks.

According to Ashar Warsi, the counsel for both the peti-

tioners, the respondents illegally and arbitrarily carried out the demolition, despite the petitioners being legal owners. "The petitions were filed against the administration for being judge and jury itself in taking decision in vendetta against the petitioners being members of minority community without reasonability and rationality," he said.

The petitioners in both the writ petitions, have demanded institution of a judicial inquiry, compensation for the properties and punitive action against the erring officers.

Due process followed during demolition: State govt

During the hearing of the petition challenging the demolition of part of Waqt Restaurant, the additional advocate general of MP, Pushymitra Bhargava, submitted that due process of law has been followed in the matter of demolition of property.





Students from the faculty of medicine and sciences take part in an anti-government demonstration in Colombo on Friday | AFP

Lankan Prez agrees to remove brother as PM

Lawmaker Sirisena says Gotabaya consents to appoint a nat'l council to name new premier; PM's aide says no decision yet

COLOMBO

SRI LANKA'S president has agreed to replace his elder brother as prime minister in a proposed interim government to solve a political impasse caused by the country's worst economic crisis in decades, a prominent lawmaker said on Friday.

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa agreed that a national council will be appointed to name a new prime minister and Cabinet comprised of all parties in Parliament, lawmaker Maithripala Sirisena said after meeting with the president.

Sirisenana, who was president before Rajapaksa, was a governing party lawmaker before defecting earlier this month along with nearly 40 other legislators.

However, Rohan Weliwita, a spokesperson for Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, said the president has not communicated any intent to remove the prime minister and a decision will be announced if such

a step is taken. Sri Lanka is near bankruptcy and has announced it is suspending payments on its foreign loans until it negotiates a rescue plan with International Monetary Fund. It has to repay \$7 billion in foreign debt this year, and \$25 billion by 2026. Its foreign reserves stand at less than \$1 billion.

The foreign exchange shortage has severely limited imports, forcing people to wait in long lines to buy essentials such as food, fuel, cooking gas and medicine.

President Rajapaksa and his family have dominated nearly every aspect of life in Sri Lanka for most of the last 20 years. Protesters who have crowded the streets since March hold them responsible for the crisis and are demanding that they quit politics.

Rajapaksa had earlier reshuffled his Cabinet and offered a unity government in an attempt to quell the protests, but opposition parties refused to join a government headed by the Rajapaksa brothers. *AP*

Russia admits to striking Kyiv during UN chief's visit

KYIV

RUSSIA confirmed on Friday it carried out an air strike on Kyiv during a visit by the UN chief, the first such attack on the Ukrainian capital in nearly two weeks, and in which a journalist also died.

Vera Gyrych, a producer for the US-funded Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, died when a Russian missile slammed into the building where she lived in Kyiv, the media group said.

Russia's defence ministry said it had deployed "high-precision, long-range air-based weapons" that it added "have destroyed the production buildings of the Artyom missile and space enterprise in Kyiv".

Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said the strikes, which immediately followed his talks with Guterres, were

an attempt by Russia "to humiliate the UN and everything that the organisation represents".

Earlier that day, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres had toured Bucha and other suburbs of Kyiv where Moscow is alleged to have committed war crimes. Russia denies killing civilians. Germany condemned the “inhumane” attack that showed Russian President Vladimir Putin has “no respect whatsoever for international law”.

Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko said there had been "two hits in the Shevchenkovsky district", with one hitting "the lower floors of a residential building". The powerful blast had ripped out walls and doors, leaving piles of rubble on the ground.

"It is a war zone, but it is



Clean-up crew prepare to work at the site of an explosion in Kyiv on Friday | AP

shocking that it happened close to us," said Saviano Abreu, spokesman for the UN's humanitarian office who was travelling with Guterres, adding that the delegation was safe. Guterres, who was in Kyiv

after talks in Moscow with Putin, had called war “evil” after visiting Bucha and demanded the Kremlin cooperate with an International Criminal Court investigation into the accusations.

Ukrainian prosecutors said they have pinpointed more than 8,000 alleged war crime cases and have opened investigations into 10 Russian soldiers for suspected atrocities in Bucha, where dozens of bodies in civilian clothes were found following Moscow's retreat.

Those cases involve “killing civilians, bombing of civilian infrastructure, torture” and “sexual crimes” reported during Russia’s occupation of various parts of Ukraine, prosecutor general Iryna Venediktova told a German broadcaster.

Three months into an invasion that failed in its short-term aim of capturing Kyiv, Russia is now intensifying operations in the breakaway eastern Donbas region and tightening its noose around the devastated strategic southern port city of Mariupol. *AFP*

Pak PM on 1st trip to Saudi amid political division

DUBAI

PAKISTAN'S newly elected prime minister visited Saudi Arabia on Friday on his first foreign trip since taking office, an attempt to boost economic relations with the wealthy, oil-rich kingdom as Pakistan struggles with huge debt, soaring inflation and a worsening energy crisis. Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif landed on Thursday in the holy city of Medina, just weeks after political turmoil that rattled Pakistan's fragile democracy and led to the ouster of former Premier Imran Khan.

Sharif professed enthusiasm before his departure, even speaking in Arabic in a video that praised the "brotherly kingdom" — a country where he spent years in exile and cultivated close ties with top officials. *AP*

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Whereas: The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Canara Bank (Erstwhile Syndicate Bank) under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 06/08/2021 calling upon the borrower M/s Aishwarya Heights Infra Pvt Ltd, Through its Authorized Representatives 27, K.G. Road, Gandhinagar Bangalore- 560 009 and its partners/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being Rs. 66,80,53,736.71 (Rupees Sixty Six crore eighty lakh fifty three thousand seven hundred thirty six and paise seventy one only) is due along with interest from 31.07.2021 and costs etc within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the balance amount, due under the said demand notice, with up to date interest, Notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the entire Mortgaged property/ies described herein below, with all the constructions thereon in/exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this 28th day of April of the year 2022. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Canara Bank for an amount of Rs.72,96,50,439.06 (Rupees Seventy two crores ninety six lakhs fifty thousand four hundred thirty nine and six paise only) along with interest from 31.03.2022 and costs and interest thereon. The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. Description of the Immovable Property All that piece and parcel of Commercial property bearing Municipal number 27/66 (Old nos. 27/66), PID No.27-23-27/66) No: 27, K.G. Road, Gandhinagar, Bangalore-560009, land measuring 59870 SFT and property bearing No.28/64, PID No.27-23-28/64, no 27, K.G. Road, Gandhinagar, Bangalore-560 009, with Constructions thereon and bounded as under- East By: W H Hanumanappa Road, West By: Private Property, North By: Private Property, South By: Kemepegowda Road Sd/- Authorised Officer Place : Bangalore Date : 28.04.2022	

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA ENTERPRISE)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL, Bennithora Division, Hebbal.

No. EE/KNNL/BNT/DN/PB-3/2701/2022-23/107 Date: 27.04.2022

SHORT TERM PERCENTAGE NOTIFICATION
(Under E-procurement system in Two cover system)

The two cover tender system for the work of "Consultancy services for detailed topographical survey, investigation, preparation of Estimate, DTP, Design & drawings for Lift headworks and Gravity distribution system for 1)Ternahalli Lift Irrigation Scheme by lifting water from Foreshore of Kukunda Barrage & 2) Lifting water from foreshore of yedalli Baarage for providing Irrigation Facilities in Sedam Assembly Constituency Kalaburagi District." (Indent No.33051) from the eligible Contractor can submit tender in two cover system under E-portal from 30.04.2022 to 06.05.2022 up to 17.00Hrs IST.

Calendar of events :

1) The bidder can access to the e-tender document in the website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in **30.04.2022 to 06.05.2022 up to 17.00 Hrs,** 2) Last Date for submission of queries if any is on or before **06.05.2022 at 16.00 Hrs,** 3) Date of opening of technical bid Part-I in the office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL, Bennithora Division No. 4, Hebbal: **07.05.2022 at 5.30 Hrs,** 4) The Date of opening of Financial Bid Part-II: **11.05.2022** or will be intimated to the qualified bidder after the approval of Technical Bid only. 5) Bidders shall submit documents in original to the Executive Engineer, KNNL, Bennithora Division No. 4, Hebbal in a sealed cover on or before **07.05.2022 up to 16.30 Hrs IST**

Further for more information can be had from the undersigned during office hours and also from e-procurement cell Phone No. 080 25501216.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KNNL, BNT Project, Divn, Hebbal.

DIP/Kalaburagi/94/MC&A/2022-23

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NOTICE TO BORROWER

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 (HEREINAFTER CALLED 'ACT')

At their request, Bank has extended credit facilities to the below mentioned individuals against secured assets through Tumkur Branch. The relevant particulars of the property on which we have created security interest by execution of security agreement/documents & creation of mortgage by way deposit of title deeds are furnished herunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance/ credit facilities have become irregular, the debts have been classified as Non Performing Assets in accordance with the directives / guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrower in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. As the demand notice sent by register Ad calling upon them, was unanswered/ not acknowledged / address/see left/ this publication is now issued.

1. Name and Address of the Borrower: (1) Smt. Sushma K Mangalore Wo M.Kishore Kumar (2) Sri. M.Kishore Kumar S/o M.Bhaskar Rao, Both are resident at: Flat No. 20, Pavithra Apartment, 8th Main Road, 9th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003.

Particulars of Loan	Date of Loan	Amount Sanctioned	Principal O/S	Interest O/S & Other Charges	Total	Rate of Interest
IPL-83	04.01.03	Rs. 15,00,000/-	Rs. 15,00,000/-	Rs. 48,84,981/-	Rs. 63,84,981/-	15.00%

Out Standing Loan Amount : Rs.63,84,981/- (Rupees Sixty Three Lakhs Eighty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty One Only) as on 27.04.2022 plus unpaid interest from the date of 28.04.2022 at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges, etc.

Date of NPA: 04.07.2003

Demand Notice dated: 27.04.2022

Description of the property :- Immovable Property Mortgaged by Smt. Sushma K Mangalore and Sri. M.Kishore Kumar. **Amount Secured Rs. 15,00,000/-**. All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being land with residential Apartment bearing Flat No.20, Pavithra Apartment, constructed on ground floor of Property Corporation No.20, with super built area of 1800 square feet, 8th Main Road, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru City, BBMP Ward No.7, Bengaluru including 10% (332.50 Square Feet) undivided share in land Measuring East to West 76'-0" ft and North to South 43'-9" ft, and bounded on the: East by : 8th Main Road, West by : Property of K Druva, North by : Property of Gana Pai, South by : 20 Feet Road.

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of the notice, Bank shall exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (2) of the section 13 of SARFAESI Act. You also put on notice that in terms of sub section (13) of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed without obtained written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to Banks rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law.

Date : 29.04.2022

Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed to the General Public that my client Smt. Vijayalakshmi Muthukali W/o. Rajesh Kumar, 244B, Jyodhanagarputhur, Thelkappalapuram Post, Ropuram, Namakkal, Attanur, Tamil Nadu-636301 is interested in purchase of the below mentioned scheduled property, from K. R. Senthil Kumar, 40/40/322/01, KANESHUMURI No. 40/40/322, Gunjur Taluk, Gunjur Panchay. Varthuri Hobli, Bangalore

Now he is being owner of the Schedule Property and has been brought to the notice of all that if any interested individual person /company/financial institution/ Nationalized Bank/ Co-operative Bank/BDA/KADUD/etc. is having any objection to the sale of my client we may contact the below mentioned address / Mobile Number with documents, within 7 days from the date of publication of this Public Notice. If no objection by my client will purchase the Schedule Property and my client is not at all responsible for any claim, that comes after 10 days.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that place and parcel of the property bearing site No. 40/40/322/01, Kanesumuri No. 40/40/322, Later V.P. Katha No. 40, Public Notice No. 40/40/322, Gunjur Ward No. 149, Situated At Gunjur Village (Gunjur Panchay). Varthuri Hobli, East while Bangalore South Taluk, Now Bangalore East Taluk - comes Under the Jurisdiction Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palika.

Measuring
 East to West : 24 Feet
 North to South : 10 Feet
 Area : 240 Sq Ft
 together with all the rights appearance whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface as bounded on the

East by : Property Belongs to Ambaresh
West by : Property Belongs to Adhishetha
South by : Road
North by : Road

Narendra, R. Badiger
 A-002, Ground Floor, A-Block, Rajarajam
 Apartment Bangalore Road, Varthur,
 Bangalore-560087
 Phone No. 9845322992

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER (S&P-Gen)
 5th Floor, Vidhyut Seva Bhawan, Danganiya, Raipur- Pin 492013
 Phone : 0771-257441/61 Fax: 0771-2574438; e-mail: csnp.cspgc@csnp.co.in
 web site: www.cspgc.in GSTIN of CSPGCL: 22AAAC57721ZWN
 No. 03/157/IN-33/22-2330 Raipur Dtd: 26/04/2022

E-TENDER NO. TN-33/22-233

Online bids are invited by the undersigned through CSPCLC-bidding system (SAP SRM) from Experienced & reputed contractors for the work as mentioned below for HTPS, Korba (West):-

S. N.	Tender Specification No.	Particulars	Last date & time of bid submission	E.M.D. Rk	Tender Cut Rk
01	03/157/IN-33/22-2330 (R/Ps. 01/002)54	Registration of vendors for manufacturing of coils and rewinding & re-toughening of 38KV or higher voltage rating HT motors installed at various power stations of CSPGCL, for a period of five years.	20.05.2022 upto 15.00hrs	5,00,00/- Retention Fee	1180/- +GST(18%)
02	03/157/FW-4021 Ref.No.3100025147 (Without R/L)	Day to day Preventive & Routine maintenance of electrical machines, auxiliaries & equipment's of CHPB-plant. (1.50 MW) HTPS, Korba (West)	24.05.2022 upto 15.00hrs	28,00,00/-	885/- +GST(18%)

For more details, please visit our website at: <http://www.cspgc.in/in/cspgcl/> Any amendment/ corrigendum, if required, will be displayed on our website only.

Chief Engineer (S&P-Gen)
 CSPGCL :Raipur

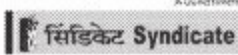
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A Government of India Undertaking

Regional Office South,
Basavanagudi,
Bengaluru - 560004.
PH : 080-26548864.



E-AUCTION NOTICE

**SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH E-AUCTION (ONLINE AUCTION)
UNDER RULES 8(6) & (9) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002**

Notice is hereby given to the effect that the immovable properties described herein, taken possession under the provisions of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, will be sold by inviting tenders on the following terms & conditions. E Auction arranged by the service provider **M/s. Antares Systems Ltd.** through the website <https://www.bankauctionwizard.com>

Sl. No.	1) Name of the Borrower / Guarantor(s) 2) Name of the Branch and Secured Creditor	1) Secured Debt outstanding 2) Possession type 3) Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Amount	1) Last date of deposit of EMD & KYC documents 2) EMD A/c no. 3) IFSC code 4) Bid Factor	1. Date of Auction 2. Time of Auction 3. Date & Time of Inspection
1)	1) BORROWER (S) : A. L Shrinagaraju, S/o Y M Raju Y M Raju S/o Yellappa (Co-Borrower) Both are at : No 840, 1st Floor, 1st Cross, 3rd Main Road, Hosakerehalli, Bengaluru - 560085. 3. H R Ramaprabhu, S/o H Rangaiah, (Guarantor) #9, 5th Cross, BDA Layout, Chamundi Nagar, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-560085 2) Canara Bank - Girinagar II Branch Mob : 9739311196	1) Rs.1,75,04,921.02 plus further interest & charges 2) Physical 3) Rs.1,19,00,000/- EMD : Rs.11,90,000/-	1) 27.05.2022 Before 4.00 p.m 2) 209272434 3) CNRB0010677 4) Rs.50,000/-	1. 31.05.2022 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 noon 3. 26.05.2022 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm
Description of property - i) All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No 873/1, Banashankari III Stage, Kalidasa Slum (formed in Sy No 95,96,121 and 122 of Hosakerehalli Village), Bengaluru measuring East to West 10.50+5.48/2 mtrs and North to South 9.14 mtrs totally measuring 70.97 sq.mtrs or 764.00 Sq Ft and bounded on the East by : Site No 873/K, West by : Road, North by : Road and South by : Site No 928. ii) All that piece and parcel of the Marginal Land of property bearing No 873/L, Banashankari III stage Kalidasa Slum (formed by Sy Nos 95,96,121, 122 of Hosakerehalli Village) Bengaluru measuring East to West 2.13+12.19/2 mtrs and North to South 10.39+12.19/2 mtrs totally measuring 74.14 Sq mtrs or 34 sq ft and bounded on the East by : Site No 873/J, West by : Road, North by : Road and South by : Site No 928. Composite property of Item No 1 and 2 - All that piece and parcel of the marginal land and property bearing No 873/L, Banashankari III Stage, Kalidasa Slum (formed in Sy No 95,96,121 and 122 of Hosakerehalli Village) Bengaluru totally measuring 798 sq ft bounded on the : East by : Site No 873/J, West by : Road, North by : Road and South by : Site No 928.				
2)	1) BORROWER (S) : M/s. CREATIVE ENGINEERS, Represented by its Proprietor Mr. PRASANNA KUMAR, No 54/A, Marehalli, 21st Main Road, J P Nagar 2nd Phase, Bangalore-560078 2) Canara Bank - Jayanagar 3rd Block Branch Ph. No.080-26631598, Mob No : 9448680018.	1) Rs.68,12,858/- plus further interest & charges 2) Physical 3) Rs.1,13,08,000/- EMD : Rs.11,30,800/-	1) 26.05.2022 Before 4.00 p.m 2) 209272434 3) CNRB0010409 4) Rs.50,000/-	1. 30.05.2022 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 noon 3. 25.05.2022 10.00 am to 5.00 pm
Description of property - Property bearing No's(1) 7/1 and (2) 7/2, old No.11, Khata No.228/2-658/2, Kadirenahalli, Bendre Nagar, Sharada Vilas Road, 14th Main, BBMP Ward No. 55, Bangalore, standing in the name of Mr. S L Prasanna Kumar, measuring 1200Sft., Bounded on : 1. On the East by : Private Property, On the West by : 20 feet Road, On the North by : No.11/07/01 remaining portion of property belonging to sri. Dhanashekar and On the South by : Private Property. 2. On the East by : Private Property, On the West by : 20 feet Road, On the North by : No.11/07/01 remaining portion of property belonging to sri. Dhanashekar and On the South by : Private Property of Sri. Prasanna Kumar.				

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please login to our website <http://www.canarabank.com> under "E-Auction" or contact the respective branches.

Place : Bangalore

Date : 29.04.2022

Authorized Officer
Canara Bank

25% public holding in LIC to take time: Govt

Sebi listing norms require listed firms to offer at least 25% shareholding to the public (other than the promoters)

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THE government-owned life insurance behemoth – Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India – may not achieve the minimum 25% public shareholding target any time soon, the government hinted on Friday.

Tuhin Kanta Pandey, secretary, Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM), told the media on Friday that the roadmap for 25% public shareholding can only be decided after having discus-

sions with Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) and Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), Ministry of Finance.

Sebi listing norms require listed companies to offer at least 25% shareholding to the public (other than the promoters).

“To achieve 25% public shareholding for a large entity like LIC is not easy – even a 5% stake sale could unsettle the market,” said the DIPAM Secretary when asked about the roadmap for reaching the minimum 25% public shareholding



in LIC.

Through the LIC Initial public offer (IPO), which is going to open for subscription from 4 May 2022, the government is diluting 3.5% of its stake in the public sector insurance behemo-

moth. Around 22 crore shares would be on offer in the IPO, which is likely to garner Rs 21,000 crore for the government.

Initially, the government had planned to dilute 5% in LIC but owing to uncertain market conditions, the government revised its plan and decided to go ahead with only 3.5% equity dilution through the upcoming IPO.

It has been disclosed in the red herring prospectus (RHP) of the IPO that no further sale of LIC's shares would be undertaken for the next one year. Meanwhile, responding to

the criticism that the government is selling LIC's shares at a lower valuation – 1.1 times the Embedded Value (EV) – compared to listed peers like SBI Life, HDFC Life and ICICI Prudential Life, Tuhin Kanta Pandey said that usually larger companies like LIC gets lower valuation than their smaller peers.

He said that the valuation of the company was decided based on inputs and feedback from analysts and prospective investors after the embedded value of LIC was disclosed to the public in February this year.

PRODUCTION

Core sector growth slows down to 4.3% in March 2022

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THE core sector growth moderated to 4.3% in March 2022 compared to 6% in February 2022 as five out of eight sector witnessed slowdown during the month, according to data released by the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP). Coal production declined by 0.1% in March 2022 (compared to 6.8% growth in February), while crude oil output fell by 3.4% (compared to a decline of 2.2% in February). Natural gas (7.6% in March vs 12.5% in February), refinery products (6.2% in March vs 8.8% in February) and Steel (3.7% in March vs 5.9% in February) also witnessed sequential slowdown in March.

However, fertiliser (15.3%), cement (8.8%) and electricity (4.9%) production registered higher growth in March than in February. The double-digit growth recorded by fertiliser output in March came on the back of a very low base.

Core sector growth, measured by Index of Core Industries, compute the combined and individual performance of production in selected eight core industries – Coal, Crude Oil, Natural Gas, Refinery Products, Fertilizers, Steel, Cement and Electricity. Core Industries comprise 40.27% of the weight included in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP). The cumulative growth of the core industries during FY22 stood at 10.4% (provisional) as against same period last year. In last fiscal, the core sector industries had recorded a 6.4%.

ASIANOMICS

CHINA

PLEDGES SUPPORT FOR ECONOMY TO BOOST MARKET

China will take steps to support its economy, including embattled internet platforms, as risks grow from its COVID-19 outbreaks and conflict in Ukraine, a top decision-making body of the ruling Communist Party said on Friday.

Lifting markets. Coronavirus and events in Ukraine have contributed to headwinds buffeting the economy in a crucial year for China and President Xi Jinping, who is expected to secure a precedent-breaking third leadership term in the autumn. Private economists have said Beijing's target for economic growth of about 5.5% this year will be hard to achieve without significant stimulus, as lockdowns and other tough curbs to battle the pandemic create havoc for supply chains. Friday's Politburo meeting chaired by Xi said it would support COVID-hit industries and small firms, speed work on infrastructure, and stabilise transport, logistics, and supply chains, according to a statement on the central government's website. Top leaders conceded that efforts to stabilise growth, employment and prices are facing new challenges. Chinese share prices surged in response, particularly Internet stocks on which authorities clamped down last year, as the Politburo's pledge to “promote the healthy development of the platform economy” bolstered hopes the worst was over.

SINGAPORE

BANKS TOP ESTIMATES, FLAG CAUTION IN WEAK MARKETS

Singapore lenders DBS Group and OCBC gave cautious outlooks on Friday after reporting 10% declines in quarterly profits amid weaker economic growth, though their performances still beat analysts' estimates. Though rising interest rates and the full re-opening of Singapore's trade-dependent economy after restrictions during the pandemic spell good news for banks, inflation risks are weighing on their prospects. Singapore banks last year benefited from a strong recovery in formerly pandemic-hit markets and from economic growth of 7.6%. This year the central bank expects only 3% to 5% growth. Net profit at DBS fell to \$51.8 billion (\$1.30 billion) in January-March from a record \$52 billion a year earlier. The net profit was above an average estimate of \$51.63 billion from six analysts, according to Refinitiv data. Second-ranked OCBC posted a first-quarter net profit of \$51.36 billion, down from \$51.5 billion a year earlier, but this was also higher than an average estimate of \$51.2 billion. Both banks have built up some of the biggest wealth management businesses in Asia over the past decade, and both warned of weakness in the lucrative segment due to wobbly markets.

SOUTH KOREA

APRIL EXPORT FALLS; INFLATION 11-YR HIGH

South Korea's exports are expected to have posted their slowest growth in 14 months in April while consumer inflation is seen hitting a near 11-year high, a Reuters poll showed. Outbound shipments were seen rising 14.5% from a year earlier after a revised 18.2% gain in March, according to a median forecast of 13 economists, marking the slowest growth since February, 2021. China, the biggest trading partner for the smaller neighbour, continued to enforce heavy lockdown measures in major cities in April to fight a surge in Omicron coronavirus cases under the “zero COVID-19” policy. During the first 20 days of this month, South Korea's exports grew 16.9% over the same period a year ago, while shipments to China saw a much smaller increase of 1.8%. Imports for the whole month were seen outpacing exports by growing 22.3%, according to the survey, bringing the country's trade balance to a deficit for a second straight month. Meanwhile, the consumer price index was projected to rise 4.4% in April from a year earlier, speeding up from a 4.1% rise in March and hitting the fastest rise since August 2011. Industrial output was forecast to post a seasonally-adjusted 0.2% decline in March from the previous month, after four straight months of expansion.

EXPRESS READ

Ambuja to expand capacities to meet increasing demand

New Delhi: Ambuja Cements, part of Swiss building material major Holcim, plans to raise cement capacities and move closer to its target of 50 million tonnes per annum in the near future. “Ambuja has ambitious growth plans to increase capacities. The company is well-positioned to meet the expanding demand, and has commissioned a modern green cement plant at Marwar,” Ambuja Cements said. PTI

Rainbow Children's IPO subscribed 12.43 times on last day of offer

New Delhi: The ₹ 1,581-cr IPO of Rainbow Children's Medicare was subscribed 12.43 times on the last day of subscription on Friday. It received bids for 25,49,03,787 shares against 2,05,14,617 shares on offer, according to data available with the NSE. Qualified Institutional Buyers (QIBs) category subscribed 38.90 times, while non-institutional investors portion got 3.73 times subscription and Retail Individual Investors (RIIs) 1.38 times. PTI

India may see first semiconductor unit by April or May next year: Vaishnaw

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MEITY minister Ashwani Vaishnaw on Friday said the government has received many applications under the Semiconductor India Programme (PLI scheme) and expected the process to take about 15-18 months to complete.

The minister, while addressing the Semicon India 2022 conference in Bengaluru, said by April or May next year, we will have good news for the nation. “We understand that many countries are offering incentives. But what we offer, along with substantial incentives, is a commitment to create and augment our talent pool by 85,000 semiconductor professionals over the next ten years.

These will be industry ready professionals and we have already tied up with global institutions,” said the minister.

The purpose of the Semicon India, the three-day conference is to kickstart India's ambition in becoming the global electronics and semiconductor design and manufacturing hub. So far India has received investment proposals from five global semicon majors to set up semiconductor fab and display fab locally in India. The proposals received so far are to the tune of \$20.5 billion in the greenfield segment of display and semiconductor chip manufacturing. At the event, Applied Materials, a leader in material engineering solutions and largest

semiconductor display equipment manufacturer in the world, made an announcement to invest 1800 crore rupees in India. The company has acquired a large land parcel in Bengaluru, to set up the proposed manufacturing facility.

Meanwhile, an MoU was signed between Qualcomm and MeitY's Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) to support Indian semiconductor startups.

The conference was inaugurated by prime minister Narendra Modi, and he said the country has an exceptional semiconductor design talent pool, which makes up for up to 20% of the world's semiconductor design engineers.



GOVT SELLS 51% STAKE IN PAWAN HANS TO STAR9 MOBILITY

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IN the first strategic sale of a public sector unit in 2022-23, the government has sold its entire 51% stake in Pawan Hans for ₹211.14 crore to Star9 Mobility, the Ministry of Finance said in a statement on Friday.

Star9 Mobility, a consortium of Big Charter, Maharaja Aviation and Almas Global Opportunity Fund SPC, emerged as the highest bidder among the three who submitted their financial bids. Pawan Hans, a joint venture between the Central government and ONGC, provides helicopter and aero mobility services. While the government held 51% stake in the company, ONGC held the balance 49%.

ONGC had earlier decided to offer its entire shareholding to the successful bidder identified by the government on the same price and terms. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs comprising Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, and Union Minister of Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya Scindia has approved the bid of Star9 Mobility. According to the statement issued by the finance ministry, seven entities had submitted expressions of interest (EOIs) out of which four were short-listed, three of which submitted the financial bids.

Out of the three, only Star9 Mobility's bid price was higher than the reserved price of ₹199.92 crore. The other two bids were for ₹181.05 crore and ₹153.15 crore. Big Charter is owned by Pilot-turned entrepreneur Sanjay Mandavia.



Q4 RESULTS

Maruti PAT up 58%; to shift gear from hatchback

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BEATING street estimates, India's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki reported a 57.7% year-on-year increase in its standalone profit after tax (PAT) to ₹1,839 crore during the March ended quarter (Q4FY22) on the back of price hikes and lower sales promotion cost.

The company's standalone net sales came at ₹25,514 crore in the quarter, registering a growth of 11.1% Yo-Y.

For the full year, Maruti Suzuki's PAT fell by 12.3% to ₹3,766 crore as compared ₹4,230 crore reported in the previous financial year. The fall in PAT during the fiscal came even as sales grew by 26% to ₹83,798 crore. “Production during the year was impacted by shortage of components by an estimated 270,000 vehicles, mostly domestic models, because of which there were pending customer bookings of nearly 268,000 vehicles at the end of the year. In addition, the first quarter wit-

nessed a disruption owing to the second Covid wave,” said the carmaker.

Going forward, the carmaker will shift focus from its ‘bread and butter’ hatchback segment to other categories as poor purchasing power of entry-level customers has resulted in deep shrinkage of this segment.

Maruti Suzuki India Chairman RC Bhargava said, “There's no butter in small cars anymore. We will have to change our strategy. People with limited income are getting

squeezed out of the car market due to higher cost...The market for hatchbacks is “shrinking significantly”.

He added, “Compared to 2018-19, the segment has shrunk by 4 lakh units in 2021-22, from 15.5 lakh units to 11.5 lakh units. This is over 25% fall in size of the market. Low priced cars became unaffordable for people due to regulatory changes, higher taxes, increase in commodity prices. We have only bread now, the butter has gone.”

IT major Wipro reports 4% increase in fourth quarter net profit at ₹3,087 crore

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

IT major Wipro on Friday posted a 4% increase in consolidated net profit for the fourth quarter ended March 31, 2022, at ₹3,087 crore compared to ₹2,972 crore in the same quarter last year. The profit was in line with street estimates.

Its revenue from operations for the fourth quarter stood at ₹20,860 crore, an increase of 28% compared to ₹16,245 crore in the year-ago period.

For the full year FY22, the Bengaluru-based company's consolidated revenues stood at ₹79,093 crore, a 27.7% increase against ₹61,943 crore in FY21. The IT major's margin remained under pressure, as its operating margin for the fourth quarter was at 17%, a decrease of 60 bps Q-o-Q and for FY22, its operating margin stood at 17.7%, a decrease of 254 bps Yo-Y.

Thierry Delaporte, CEO and



Managing Director, of Wipro, said, “We have had an outstanding year, finishing with \$10.4 billion in revenues, and an industry-leading growth of 27% year on year. This is our sixth straight quarter of strong revenue growth at or over 3%.”

Wipro recently acquired Rizing, a global SAP consulting firm, for \$540 million and the CEO said, “We are excited with the addition of Rizing and the CAS group to Wipro's service offerings. With all markets, sectors and Global Business Lines now growing in double-digits Yo-Y, we have a strong founda-

tion for next year's growth.”

Its revenue from IT services rose 3.1% Q-o-Q to \$2,721.7 million in the fourth quarter. The firm expects revenue from its IT Services business to be in the range of \$2,748 million to \$2,803 million. This translates to a sequential growth of 1% to 3%. Wipro has added eight customers in over \$100 million bucket on Yo-Y basis. Jatin Dalal, CFO at Wipro, said, “We delivered operating margins of 17.7% for the year, after significant investments on solutions, capabilities and talent. We delivered robust growth in EPS of 17.0% YoY.”

The interim dividend of Re 1 and ₹5 declared by the Board at its meetings held on January 14 and March 25, 2022 shall be considered as the final dividend for the financial year 2021-22, Wipro said. Shares of the company on Friday closed at ₹509 apiece, down 2.59% from its previous close on the BSE.

Wipro to hire 38K freshers in FY23; offers promotion

Bengaluru: IT major Wipro on Friday said that it will hire 38,000 freshers in this fiscal. Attrition has been a cause for concern for the IT industry and all major IT companies are increasing their freshers hiring. Wipro has doubled the hiring from 19,000 in FY22 to 38,000 in FY23. Earlier, IT majors TCS and Infosys too said that they will hire around 40,000 and 50,000 freshers, respectively in the current fiscal. The company's attrition rate in the fourth quarter jumped to 23.8% from 22.7% in the previous quarter. The IT major will also increase the frequency of promotion cycle for 70% employees in junior bands on a quarterly basis. Its total headcount as of March 31, 2022 was 2,43,128, and it has added 45,416 employees in FY22 alone. ENS



Former tennis star Boris Becker was on Friday jailed for two and a half years after being found guilty by a British court of charges relating to his 2017 bankruptcy. The six-time Grand Slam champion, 54, will serve half of the term having being convicted at Southwark Crown Court in London over his transfer of huge amounts of money from his business account.

Giants dwarf Kings

ANMOL GURUNG @ Chennai

WITH the pitch tailor-made for pacers, Punjab Kings' bowlers did very well to restrict Lucknow Super Giants to a modest total. The likes of Sandeep Sharma, Arshdeep Singh and Kagiso Rabada, who picked up four wickets of the day, made merry, making life difficult for the Giants' batters, including the in-form KL Rahul.

However, it was the Giants' bowling attack, boasting a stronger line-up on paper, that outperformed the Kings' bowlers. The latter, with probing line and length, had restricted Giants to 153/8, a total that seemed attainable after captain Mayank Agarwal had put them to bat.

But Punjab never got going, losing wickets at crucial periods. Moshin Khan was the pick of the bowlers with three wickets, giving away just 24 in his four overs. Mayank made a positive start but just when he was threatening to take the match away from Giants, he was dismissed by Dushmantha Chameera, who complimented Moshin, and choked the life out of batters with as many as 17 dot balls in his four overs.

When Liam Livingstone was sent back, Kings were staring at a massive test. Jonny Bairstow, who was Kings' last hope, did well to reach 32 but as wickets continued to tumble at the other end, Bairstow fell as

well. With Bairstow gone, it was all but over for Kings. They eventually fell short by 20 runs.

Earlier, Punjab bowlers were in the zone. With pinpoint bowling, especially in the early overs, they never let the Giants' batters off the hook. Even someone like Rahul, who has been scoring for fun this season, lasted just 11 balls before heading back to the pavilion.

With an even covering of grass at the Maharashtra Cricket Association Stadium, it was an ideal pitch for pacers. Arshdeep set the tone for what was to come. With good length balls, the young pacer had Rahul on the backfoot, catching him on his pads. Sandeep, who followed Arshdeep, kept up the stingy ways, with as many as four dot balls in the second.

But Rahul hit a classy four in the third over, off Kagiso Rabada, something that felt could break the shackles. However, two deliveries later, Rahul was walking. Rabada, with a peach of a delivery, got rid of the in-form batter. The pacer had a nice shape in his delivery and had just about enough movement as Rahul nicked it to keeper. Sandeep kept up the pressure in the next over as Giants went into rebuilding phase with Deepak Hooda joining Quinton de Kock in middle. **Brief scores:** LSG 153/8 in 20 ovs (De Kock 46; Rabada 4/38) **bt** PBKS 133/8 in 20 ovs (Bairstow 32, Moshin 3/24).

TODAY'S MATCH
RCB VS GT
@ 3.30 PM
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@ 7.30 PM
LIVE ON STAR SPORTS

NOT SO PREMIER LEAGUE FOR INDIA

A majority of the current internationals have been struggling, something deeply concerning in a World Cup year

VENKATA KRISHNA B @ Chennai

THIS Indian Premier League (IPL) was supposed to be the final audition ahead of this year's T20 World Cup. Since their group stage exit at the last edition in October-November, India have already made a course correction. In the bilateral T20Is at home against New Zealand, West Indies and Sri Lanka, they identified a core group who will be in contention to fly to Australia.

For a country that has the most competitive T20 league, where there is no dearth of talent, one of the cons is that most of the regular Indian players tend to play the same role for the franchise. They have been so spoilt for choice at all times that they have even picked three wicketkeepers in the squad,

never mind the fact that none of their regular batters are handy with the ball. From flirting between a long tail and a one-dimensional top-order, and banking on a half-fit all-rounder to untangle the combination lock at the World Cup, India have tried it all. And at the World Cup, they received a reality check.

The end result was the addition of the likes of Deepak Hooda, Venkatesh Iyer, Sanju Samson and going back to wrist spinners, Yuzvendra Chahal and Kuldeep Yadav. With Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli, KL Rahul, Suryakumar Yadav, Rishabh Pant, Shreyas Iyer, Ishan Kishan, Ruturaj Gaikwad, Jasprit Bumrah, Ravindra Jadeja, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Deepak Chahar, Harshal Patel, Shardul Thakur, R Ashwin, Ravi Bish-

noi, Axar Patel, Washington Sundar, Mohammed Siraj in the mix, the core is set. And going forward, Dinesh Karthik, Hardik Pandya, Umran Malik and Arshdeep Singh, all of whom have had a stellar start to the IPL in 2022, will be in the mix. But the challenge for the Indian team management and the selectors is in identifying the roles and the ideal fits for the players beginning with the home series against South Africa starting on June 9. Among the batting group mentioned above, eight of them bat in the top-order with Hooda and Suryakumar being the exceptions. Even Pandya, a player who traditionally plays the finisher's role, is playing in the top-order for Gujarat Titans. India have to finalise the roles well in advance and give players

the time to adjust to it. If picked, the likes of Shreyas, Samson and Pant will be forced to play a different role at No 5 or 6 with India. The selectors, the team management and skipper Rohit are set for a meeting before the South Africa squad is picked, with the key point being identifying 15-18 players. In this context, the return to form and the fitness of Pandya will be a welcome factor as it eases them to at least narrow down the lower middle-order which will also include Ravindra Jadeja.

Except for a handful, the on-going IPL has been forgettable for a majority of India's current internationals. Among those in contention, only Rahul, Shreyas and Pandya are in the top-10 run-getters list with the former being the only one with exceptional numbers with the bat,

scoring two centuries. Among bowlers, only Chahal and Kuldeep are on the list with the likes of T Natarajan, Mohammed Shami and Umesh Yadav making a strong case for inclusion. That most of the regulars haven't brought their A-game to the fore isn't surprising with some looking overcooked. The amount of cricket they have played since the restart after the pandemic is bound to take a toll, which is why it is equally important to consider some fresh legs. In Karthik, Malik and Pandya, India do have options, who were not in the frame of things when they faced West Indies and Sri Lanka at home.

For the aspiring brand of cricket that India intends to play, it is imperative they pick the right personnel and back them at all costs.

Sindhu enters semifinals

ENS @ Chennai

PV SINDHU brought out her big game nous to quell the challenge of China's He Bing Jiao to advance to the semifinals of the Badminton Asia Championships on Friday. Sindhu comfortably won the first game but found the going tough in the next. She eventually prevailed 21-9, 13-21, 21-19. Sindhu could have closed out the third game sooner but Bing Jiao rallied to

win six consecutive points to cut the deficit to one point (15-16). However, she closed out the match from that point.

In the other women's semifinal, South Korea's An Seyoung is up against Wang Zhi Yi of China.

Meanwhile, the men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty bowed out after losing to the fifth-seeded Malaysian pair of Aaron Chia and Wooi Yik Soh.

After gold in KIUG, Akshay eyes success at boxing trials

ASHIM SUNAM @ Bengaluru

BHUSHAN Saini kept a close watch on several boxers at the Khelo India University Games at the Jain University Global Campus here. In the Indoor Arena, the Indian youth boys assistant coach took the front row seats at times, passing some inputs from his position to boxers over the past few days. There were instances when he also got off his seat with excitement as some young guns put up a brilliant show.

On the final day of boxing (Thursday), there were 13 gold medals in the offing for men and some of the young boxers managed to grab them. The list includes Akshay Kumar (60-63.5kg) and Abhinash Jamwal (63.5-67kg) among others. Be-

sides winning the yellow colour metal, many managed to leave an impression with their skills.

After having watched closely, Saini personally believes Akshay was one of the best boxers in the Games and praised his ability to shine inside the ring with good stamina and fitness standards.

This praise does not come as a surprise with Akshay having previously won the bronze medal in the Asian Junior Boxing Championships in 2017. The boxer from Bhiwani is expected to feature in the upcoming trials for the senior elite boxers next month, which is very important with the Asian Games and the Commonwealth Games lined up.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Chelsea close to sealing CL spot

AGENCIES @ London

CHELSEA edged towards securing their place in next season's Champions League despite failing to make the most of their dominance in a 1-1 draw at Manchester United on Thursday.

Marcos Alonso's opener was quickly cancelled out by Cristiano Ronaldo to leave the third-placed Blues eight points clear of Tottenham in fifth in the Premier League with five games remaining. Many supporters remained outside the stadium until the 17th minute in a sign of protest at the 17 years since the Americans took control of United with a leveraged takeover. In keeping with the Red Devils' season only David de Gea and Ronaldo emerged with any credit.

EXPRESS READ

Dravid interacts with NE cricketers at NCA

BENGALURU: India head coach Rahul Dravid on Friday interacted with cricketers from the northeast and plate group at the National Cricket Academy. Dravid spent about 45 minutes with players who are honing their skills in the camp under world-class coaches.

Bengaluru finish third in U13 JSW Youth Cup

BELLARY: Bengaluru FC's Academy U13s finished third in the U13 JSW Youth Cup with a 3-0 win over FC Goa on Friday. Goals from S Chinmay (46'), Ishan Chatur (50'), and Aalhaad Hate (58') saw the Young Blues end their campaign on a winning note.

Rashid moves to top spot in Asiad trials

B'LURU: Rashid Khan hit form to card a 6-under 66, joining Viraj Madappa (69) and Karandeep Kochhar (67) in the lead at the Asian Games golf trials. In the women's, Avani Prashanth (74-64-69-70) trails Jahnavi Bakshi (69-69-69-69) by 1 shot.

Third century of County season for Pujara

HOVE: Cheteshwar Pujara smashed his third consecutive hundred for Sussex in the county season as he scored an unbeaten 128 from 198 balls against Durham on Day 2 of the Division two County Championship match. He had made 201 n.o & 109 earlier.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Gandhinagar Division,
Bashyam Park, South Central Street, Bengaluru.

No: EE/GNRIE-PROC/02/2022-23 Date: 29-04-2022

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)
(Single Cover Tender) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Gandhinagar Division, BBMP invites item rate basis tenders for the works mentioned below from the registered & eligible contractors of BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations.

(Standard Tender Document - KW-1 & 2)

Sl. No.	Name of the Work / Category	Approx. Value of Work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD Amount (in Rs.)
1	Maintenance and Repairs of Existing Borewell in Ward No.77, Dattatreya Temple - (Others)	20.00	40,000/-
2	Maintenance of Footpath in Ward No.77, Dattatreya Temple - (Others)	20.00	40,000/-
3	Maintenance and Repairs of Existing Borewell in Ward No.94, Gandhinagar - (Others)	20.00	40,000/-
4	Maintenance of Footpath in Ward No.94, Gandhinagar - (ST)	20.00	25,000/-
5	Maintenance and Repairs of Existing Borewell in Ward No.95, Subhashnagar - (SC)	20.00	25,000/-
6	Maintenance of Footpath in Ward No.95, Subhashnagar - (Others)	20.00	40,000/-
7	Maintenance and Repairs of Existing Borewell in Ward No.96, Okalipuram - (Others)	20.00	40,000/-
8	Maintenance of Footpath in Ward No.96, Okalipuram - (SC)	20.00	25,000/-
9	Maintenance and Repairs of Existing Borewell in Ward No.109, Chikkapeete - (Others)	20.00	40,000/-
10	Maintenance of Footpath in Ward No.109, Chikkapeete - (Others)	20.00	40,000/-
11	Maintenance and Repairs of Existing Borewell in Ward No.120, Cottonpete - (Others)	20.00	40,000/-
12	Maintenance of Footpath in Ward No.120, Cottonpete - (Others)	20.00	40,000/-
13	Emergency Works in Ward No.120, Cottonpete - (Others)	20.00	40,000/-
14	Maintenance and Repairs of Existing Borewell in Ward No.121, Binnypete - (Others)	20.00	40,000/-
15	Maintenance of Footpath in Ward No.121, Binnypete - (Others)	20.00	40,000/-

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Portal Website: <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>. 2) Last Date & Time for Receipt of Tenders: 11-05-2022 upto 16.00 Hrs. 3) Last Date for Submission of Tender Difference Amount: 12-05-2022 upto 16.30 Hrs. 4) Opening of Tenders: 13-05-2022 at 11.00 Hrs. Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Gandhinagar Division.

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TENDER NOTICE

Competitive Tenders are invited for the following. For more details please visit the E-Tendering Portal <https://etenders.kerala.gov.in> or www.kmmil.com

No.	Tender ID	Items
1	2022_KMML_488181_1	For the supply of CS Pipe
2	2022_KMML_487957_1	For the supply of 4100.00 MT of Sodium Silicate
3	2022_KMML_487191_1	For the supply of HT Power Cable

Chavara, 29.04.2022 Sd/-, DGM (Mtls), For the Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd

No.	Tender ID	Items
4	2022_KMML_487381_1	AMC for Electric Hoists/Mechanical Hoists for 2022-2023
5	2022_KMML_488493_1	Construction of new MCC Room, Air Compressor Room, Pallet Godown & allied civil works.

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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
BUILDINGS & ROADS (CENTRAL) DIVISION, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
No.454/PW/EE/BRC/DR/DBR/2022 Puducherry, the 29.04.2022

PRESS NOTICE FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

On behalf of the President of India, Request for proposal (RFP) are invited from the eligible firms by the Executive Engineer, Buildings & Roads (Central) Division, Public Works Department, Puducherry for the following work:

Name of Work: Comprehensive Architectural consultancy services for the proposed construction of Integrated Assembly Complex and Secretariat Building at Thattanchavady, Puducherry.

Tender No.1/PW/BR/2022-23 EMD: ₹.10,00,000/- e-tender processing fee: ₹.3,000/- + GST @ 5%
The detailed procedure is available in the RFP document which can be downloaded from the website www.godtenders.gov.in

(i) Availability of RFP document from 10.00 AM on 05.05.2022 to 4.00 PM on 07.06.2022
(ii) Pre-bid meeting to be held on 25.05.2022 at 10.30 AM in the conference hall, Central Office, PWD, Puducherry.
(iii) Closing time for submission of RFP document at 3.30 PM on 08.06.2022
(iv) Date & Time of opening of bid document at 10.30 AM on 09.06.2022
Please contact ICIJ Bank for e-payment help desk guidance in Phone No.893920213
Please contact e-Procurement cell, 3rd Floor, Chief Secretariat, e-tender help desk for guidance in Phone No.0415-222225 & 1800 3070 2232 (Toll Free) mail id: Support-eproc.pon@nic.in
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IFT No: MMU/PURE-Procure/105/Tender-01/2022-23 DATE: 27-04-2022

SHORT TERM RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-procurement portal only)

Mandya Milk Union Ltd. invites e-Tenders for Biennial Maintenance & Service contract of 1. Biennial Maintenance & Service contract of 20 KVA, Koel Green DG Sets installed at BMC s-50 Nos 2. Biennial Maintenance & Service contract of Solar Water Heater installed at BMC Centers-120 Nos. 3. Food Grade Sanitiser On ARC Basis-12000 Kgs 4. Citric Acid On ARC Basis-5000 Kgs 5. Supply of 500 & 200 Grms Unsalted Butter Duplex Cartons on ARC basis-10 Lakhs & 3 Lakhs Nos 6. Supply Erection and commissioning of 12 Volts DC Batteries For 160 KVA UPS on Buy Back Basis-34 Nos 7. Providing of 1500 KVA Mobile D.G Set with acoustic Enclosure on Monthly hiring basis-1 Job 8. Wall/Shop Painting and Vehicle Painting-400000 Sqft

Interested tenders may please refer detail notice inviting tender for eligibility criteria & other details. Tenderers can download documents from: 28.04.2022, Last date of submission of tender: 13.05.2022 at 17.00 hrs, Date of opening of Technical tender: 16.05.2022 after 11.30 AM hrs & Commercial Bid opening will be intimate. Interested Tenderer's may download bidding documents from the e-procurement portal <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> / website: www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and also contact helpline No: 080-25501227/25501216, e-mail: hhhelpdesk.bir@intarvo.com. For More Information Contact Manager Purchase Mob: 9513888247.

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MANAGING DIRECTOR

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE
Bangalore - 560012

Corrigendum to Advertisement for the post of Assistant Project Engineer (Civil) and Site Engineer (Civil), Challakere dated 09.04.2022

It is hereby notified that the last date for submission of application for the post of Assistant Project Engineer (Civil) and Site Engineer (Civil), Challakere is hereby extended till 10.05.2022. The eligibility criteria and other terms and conditions remains the same.

Date: 29.04.2022 Sd/-, REGISTRAR

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OPEN TENDER ENQUIRY (OTE)/NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (NCB)

Tenders under Two Part bidding system are invited from experienced, resourceful, reputed and bonafide Suppliers/Service Providers/Agencies/Contractors (as applicable) for the following:-

1. CONSTRUCTION OF NURSERY SCHOOL BUILDING AT BRBNMPL, SALBONI.
TENDER NO. 005/SAL/MDM-CIVIL/2022-23. (ESTIMATED COST- ₹ 4.04,30,000/-)
Last date of submission of all the above tenders is 31.05.2022 by 11:30 Hrs. For downloading tender documents and other details, kindly visit our website www.brbnmpl.co.in. Further extension or amendment/s, if any will be uploaded on our website only.

General Manager

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SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTICE

Sl.No.01/Tender Notification No. & Date: HIMS/TS-1/Oxy/03/2022-23 Date:25.04.2022 Details: SUPPLY,DESIGN INSTALLATION, COMMISSIONING OF LIQUID MEDICAL OXYGEN(LMO) TANK CAPACITY OF 20KL TO HIMS HOSPITAL HASSAN. Schedule: Commencement date for Uploading of tenders: 26.04.2022 Last date for uploading: 05.05.2022 Approximate Cost: 60=00 lakhs EMD in Rs. 90,000=00 Tender details can be viewed, downloaded and applied only through the e-procurement mode only at: <http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in>. For further details contact office during working hours.

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SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two Cover System) (Through e-Procurement Portal only)

Tenders are invited through GoK e-procurement platform website: <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> from eligible Bengaluru based Reputed Travel Agents having adequate financial resources and manpower with sufficient past experience for the work of Booking of Air Tickets, Hotel Booking, and visa arrangements to PCPL officers and Guests. EMD of Rs. 12,000/-. Last date for receipt of completed bids : 13.05.2022 up to 16:00 Hrs. Date of opening of Part-I (Pre qualification and Technical Bid): 18.05.2022 at 11:00 Hrs. Date of opening of price bid (Part-II) is 21.05.2022 at 11.00 Hrs. Further details can be had from office of the Deputy General Manager (CC), KPCL, No.82, Shakti Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bengaluru-560 001.Tel: 080-22203709/22256568 Fax: 080-22252144 e-Mail: kpeccempa@gmail.com Website: <http://www.kpcl.karnataka.gov.in>

BANGALORE URBAN ZILLA PANCHAYATH
Office of the Executive Engineer Panchayath Raj Engineering Division, First Floor, Zilla Panchayat Building, S.Kariyappa Road, Banashankari (Near Banashankari Temple) Bangalore - 560070.

No. EE/PRED/BNG(U)/TND/AE-2/05/2022-23 Date: 28.04.2022

E-Procurement Short Term Tender Notice

Tenders are invited through e-procurement by the Executive Engineer, P.R.E.D. Bangalore Urban, For 4202-01-201-1-04-059 Grants Works. The work details can be obtained from the e-procurement Website. The Tender Documents can be obtained and submitted on or before Dated: 06.05.2022 upto 4.00 pm. Further details can be obtained from website at <http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in> or contact this office during office working hours.

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e-Procurement Notice for Buildings works

1. Name of the work : Construction of Buildings as per Annexure (2 Nos)
2. Class of contractor : "B", "A", Class of (Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authority
3. Estimated Cost : Varies from Rs. 119.96 Lakhs to Rs.210.56 Lakhs (Approximately)
4. Details projects as per Annexure attached.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender online for bidding	Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender	Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sunabeda	COERWCSBD-Online-05/2022-23	02.05.2022 at 11.00 AM	18.05.2022 up to 5.30 PM	16.05.2022 up to 1.00 P.M.	19.05.2022 at 11.00 A.M.	To be intimated separately

5. The details of works can be seen from the web site <https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in>
6. Any Corrigendum/Addendum will be displayed in the above e-tender web site.

Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer
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Rachana Rai
on her debut film

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DAY'S DIARY

Mothers protest

In 1977, a group of 14 mothers began protesting at Plaza de Mayo following the forced disappearances of thousands of people in Buenos Aires

RULES UNDER DICTATORSHIP

Under the military dictatorship of General Jorge Rafael Videla, the National Reorganization Process was established that sought to get rid of perceived government subversives



DURING THE DIRTY WAR

Although disappearances were concealed and denied by the military government, as many as 30,000 Argentines were reported to have disappeared during the 'Dirty War'



THE OUTCOME

After two months of weekly demonstrations and secret meetings, three mothers spoke to a minister about their grievances

Actors Ajay Devgn and Sudeep have sparked off a language debate, which has created a stir among social media users. Prominent Bengalureans share their thoughts on this issue with CE

DEBATING LANGUAGE

'Happy with the diversity'

"When I said that 'I tweet in English, I work in Hindi, I was born in Karnataka, I live in Maharashtra, my native tongue is Kodava Takk, I can speak five languages and I am from India', I didn't intend it to point at either of the actors. I am happy with the diversity the country offers and I'm happy to be a part of it. It's because of this diversity that I have the freedom to work in a language that's not my mother tongue and pick up other languages over the years. Both Ajay Devgn and Sudeep tried to bring up a point and they were both wrong because Hindi is not India's national language and it hasn't been one either."



— Gulshan Devaiah, actor



ANILA KURIAN

An exchange between Bollywood actor **Ajay Devgn** and Sandalwood actor **Sudeep** on the status of the 'national language' has resulted in a spat over the sensitive matter. The storm set off after Devgn tweeted at Sudeep, "If Hindi is not our national language, then why do you release your mother tongue movies by dubbing them in Hindi? Hindi was, is and always will be our mother tongue and national language. (sic)" Even as Twitterati jumped to the support of the Kannada actor, we speak to prominent Bengalureans to find out what they think of this Hindi row.

'There should be more such debates'

"I'm glad that there's a debate regarding the national language. To hear a leading actor bring up the topic after many false notions regarding it is a good thing. Even before I became a director, I always supported the idea of dubbing in other languages. I was threatened by many in the industry for it but those same people are looking at it from a business perspective and approving scripts. So language is not a barrier, it's just connecting more people. And I feel there should be more such debates."



— Mansore, director

'We have more pressing issues'

"Honestly, we south Indians are more comfortable in our respective state languages and we communicate it just fine between ourselves too. Hindi is an alien language to us though we are familiar with it because of the movies and songs out there. So, it's a bit much to ask us to speak in it. Films are commercial products, so they have the freedom to choose how they want to present it and viewers have the freedom to watch them in the language they want. Having said that, this topic comes up every few years — I don't really understand why. We have more pressing issues and it shouldn't be hyped like this."

— MD Pallavi, singer



'Each language has its own place'

"I'm completely against the idea of imposing a language, especially Hindi, on other states. While it is an important language which is spoken by a large majority, constitutionally, there is no national language. Hindi and English have always been linking languages and it's an unnecessary elevation to think one is better than the other. As for both the actors' statements, I think both of them were out of sync. Just like movies, many of my books have been translated into other languages as it's a way to reach out to different readerships. Each language has its own place."

— Vikram Sampath, author and historian

'PEOPLE JUST WANT TO BE RESPECTED'

"It's great that we're having this conversation. While it's important to know multiple languages that will come in handy when you're not in your home state, Hindi cannot be considered the only language. That just disrespects all the other languages and cultures we have. If you look at movies, regional cinema is doing well and sometimes even better than Hindi ones. There's definitely an audience for it. People are reacting to this because they just want to be respected."

— Satshya Tharien, content creator



A scene from the film



Abhishek Udayakumar

population," explain Udayakumar, adding that the film begins in the monsoon season and ends in winter during the harvest season.

Udayakumar (26), who stayed in Meghalaya for six months for the shoot, emphasises that he has tried to keep a neorealist and novelistic format, where he avoided any sort of formal interviews, but instead captured candid conversations. "The film opens by a river where the nearby villagers are busy at work. When the river dries up in winter, the villagers grow winter crops which they consume and sell through spring and summer. The film follows the life of a lady whose livelihood shifts significantly with the seasons. There are two other stories in the film," says Udayakumar, adding that a large portion is set in the Bangladesh border. Since Garo Hills is a matrilineal society, the film focuses on the voices of women and their conversations.

Villages of Garo Hills, which is Udayakumar's eighth film, throws light on some of the intricate details about farmers in the hills. "The economy of Garo Hills is largely dependent on betelnut plantations. In addition to this, farmers follow a pattern of sustenance agriculture where they grow crops for self-consumption to sell in local markets," says Udayakumar, who is a graduate of Royal Holloway University of London.

(*Garo Hills Ni Achik Songrang / Villages of Garo Hills* will be premiered at Alliance Francaise, Vasanthnagar on May 1)

Villages of Garo Hills, a documentary by city-based filmmaker Abhishek Udayakumar, delves into the life of farmers in hills

MONIKA MONALISA

THE North-Eastern part of the country is, no doubt, one of the most picturesque parts with a treasure trove of stories. Capturing these stories is city-based filmmaker Abhishek Udayakumar in his documentary *Garo Hills Ni Achik Songrang / Villages of Garo Hills*, which will be premiering at the Alliance Francaise on May 1.

The two-and-a-half-hour documentary, which was made in association with an NGO Bakdil, is all about the farmers in Garo Hills, Meghalaya. "The documentary follows the lives of three farmers across different regions of the Hills. It explores their

Hills are alive

unique forms of livelihood, domestic lives and relationships through a narrative of candid conversations, immersive takes, memoirs and journeys across the landscape. The film's collection of stories serve as a document about the villagers' lives for the time to come, and portrays them as people and not as tribals or an indigenous

Debolina Ray, a Bengaluru-based food & travel blogger who runs a blog called **She Knows Grub**, dishes out fun food-related trivia in this weekly series. So, answer these three questions and find out how much of a foodie you are



THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY

Send answers to bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com with the subject line 'Food quiz'

The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in CE on Monday.

The first prize winner this week will win a complimentary voucher for two worth ₹1,500 from Jalsa — Let's Celebrate **

- 1 This summer is definitely taking us in for a spin, and some natural coolants are much needed to stay hydrated and healthy. One juicy translucent seasonal fruit produced in Tamil Nadu among other places is rich in nutrients and low in calories, and seen at street side stalls across the country. Which is the fruit we are referring to, and what tree fruit is it?
- 2 This summer melon fruit is juicy and orangey, and is said to have travelled the world with Christopher Columbus in the 1400s. It is rich with vitamins and minerals, and is quite profitable for farmers too. Which melon are we talking about here?
- 3 Typically seen in chutneys or garnishing mojito, this common and inexpensive herb aids in digestion and is a natural coolant. What is this multi-purpose herb called?

INSIDE

SUMMER SPIRITS



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XPRESS FOCUS

'We are the largest aggregator platform for investing in bonds and debentures'

India's largest fintech platform for individual investors who are seeking fixed income investments beyond FDs and RDs, GoldenPi features Rs.5000 crore of daily bonds and debentures inventory for investors and the entry point is as little as Rs.10,000. **Abhijit Roy, CEO & Co-founder, GoldenPi** speaks about the journey, the firm's unique features and future plans.

Tell us about the journey of GoldenPi from inception till date.

The genesis of GoldenPi took place in the backdrop of an exciting time for the fintech market, globally, and in India. Companies such as Stride, Square, Venmo, and Investnet Yodlee, which is where I was working back in 2016 at Bengaluru, were disrupting the U.S. retail investment market. Among Indian retail investors too, companies such as Zerodha were disrupting the Indian fintech ecosystem. With this shift in economic trends, returns on traditional investments such as bank fixed deposits started steadily declining in India. In fact, I found myself at a loss trying to figure alternate fixed returns assets, which can give safe and yet higher returns, to divert my parents' investments. The challenges I faced while conducting research for bonds and investing in them went on to become insights for GoldenPi.

Together, with my co-founder Sameer, we started discussing about how to build a platform for retail investors seeking fixed income investments beyond FDs and RDs. Soon, it crystallised into a vision; to build an investment marketplace as fulfilling as an Amazon and a Flipkart for investors impacted by rapidly falling interest rates on traditional bank products. Since then, it has been quite a journey, filled with opportunities and learning.

How are you different from any other investment platforms in India?

At a fundamental level, we are an aggregator platform. Unlike other investment platforms, we do not hold our own proprietary books. Instead, we partner with a wide range of financial institutions, who have their proprietary books and want to sell to retail investors. Our aggregation engine, and the technologies supporting it, are immensely powerful. This, coupled with the fact that we are the first and largest aggregator platform for investing in bonds and debentures, allows us to get daily quotes for over a hundred top quality bonds and debentures from large Bond Institutions. Secondly, we do an exhaustive



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price discovery to find out the best price for a particular bond to ensure our investors benefit from the highest yield for a product. This translates into our rates being the best or the most competitive in the market. Currently, such a model is not yet existent on any other platform for Indian retail investors.

Who are your target audiences?

Our primary audience is the smartphone-savvy retail investor, who is looking at safe asset classes. This includes couples and new parents aged 30 and upwards looking to balance their portfolio, middle-aged investors seeking safe retirement portfolio avenues, and retired folks looking to park surplus funds for short to mid-term. Having said that, we are witnessing the emergence of a new segment post the pandemic. First-time job market entrants are also starting to consider bonds and debentures. They are interested in NCD IPOs, in which case, the entry barrier is as affordable as Rs. 10,000.

How are you positioning GoldenPi — as a marketplace for bonds and debentures?

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What are your investment plans?

We have always been invested in innovation that simplifies backend operations and processes. We will continue to prioritise such innovation-focused investment in the near future for both, our B2C and B2B offerings. Apart from that, the scale at which we are growing will see us expanding our teams and people expertise on all fronts, leading with product and engineering, followed by other disciplines.

What are your future plans?

Our vision is to make GoldenPi a one-stop destination for all fixed income asset classes across all investor categories. So, apart from bonds and debentures, we will make other asset classes and investment alternatives available on our platform. In the context of B2B, we will continue to enhance our SaaS product stack basis client and user needs. Currently, it has been designed to integrate seamlessly with any financial institution's digital platform to provide a smooth online investment experience to end clients looking to buy secondary and primary market bonds and debentures. As part of our plans to gain deeper insights into pan-Indian markets, we intend to have offices in other metros while the Bengaluru office will remain our technology headquarters.



IFtar SPECIAL

A delectable Iftar spread awaits you this Ramadan! Iftar is all about spending time with family, sharing some quiet time and enjoying the food one has been blessed with. Head over for delicious goodies.
When: Till May 6
Where: JW Marriott
Details: 78383 94775



DANCE CONFERENCE

Natya Institute of Kathak & Choreography (NIKC) presents a conference dedicated to dance, choreography, learning and more. The fourth edition of Dr Maya Rao Kathak and Choreography Conference is perfect for dance lovers.
When: May 3
Where: Bangalore International Centre, Domlur



ART THERAPY

Silver Learnings brings to you 'Life in Watercolour'. Join Kamalukh Gotla as she shows you how to use watercolours to reproduce snapshots of life. This is Zoom event.
When: May 4
Details: bookmyshow.com



SUMMER SPECIAL

The Kiwi Cider is back on public demand. With a refreshing kiwi fruit character and a burst of citrusy lime, this one's brewed especially for these sultry summer days!
When: Till May 15
Where: Ironhill Bengaluru, Maathahalli
Details: 99869 50997

Explore the world of music and poetry. Head to Open Mic this summer at The Circular Square, Kanakapura Road | **When:** Apr 30 | **Details:** insider.in



Fasting ritual

Break your fast with a festive spread of Iftar special delicacies at Caraway Kitchen, Conard Bengaluru. Celebrate a joyous Iftar filled with dishes that are specially curated for the occasion. **When:** Till May 2
Where: Caraway Kitchen, Conard Bengaluru **Details:** 97310 81949



Book Launch

Get ready for the launch of Meeha Ganapathi's book! Paati vs Unde (Underground Nightly League of Cooperative Elders). The reading will be followed by an interaction with the author.
When: April 30
Where: Lightroom Bookstore, Lewis Road
Details: 80254 60466



Musical Delight

Solaris is back with a banger to take you on board through the best music this summer. Get ready for the weekend to get in sync with Argy taking everyone to the future. **When:** Apr 30 **Where:** The Lalit Ashok
Details: bookmyshow.com



Let's go kayaking

If you are a nature lover, Triquetra is the place to get surrounded by lush greenery. Relax in the lap of nature and enjoy kayaking.
When: Ongoing **Where:** Triquetra (Aqua escape), Kammamangala **Details:** bookmyshow.com



Desi Saturdays

Free up your mind and loosen up the muscles and let's dance together as the desi beat drops high. Join the Bollywood madness and dance like never before!
When: Apr 30 **Details:** insider.in

QUICK FIX

What's cooking IN YOUR KITCHEN?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.



BUTTER, LIME AND DILL CHICKEN THIGHS

INGREDIENTS

- Chicken thighs with bone: 500 gram, Salt to taste
- Red chilli powder: 3 tsp
- Turmeric powder: 1 tsp
- Ginger-garlic paste: 1 tsp
- Butter: 2 tsp
- Chopped garlic: A handful
- Chopped dill leaves: A handful
- Lemon zest (from 1 lime)

—Sarah Grace, Bengaluru

METHOD

- Marinate the chicken thighs with salt, ginger-garlic paste, turmeric and red chilli powder.
- In a pan, melt butter. Add the zest of one lemon.
- Now add the marinated chicken to the butter and let it fry on high flame on both sides.
- Add dill leaves and chopped garlic to the chicken and let it cook on medium flame. Cover and continue to cook to perfection.
- Once it's done remove the lid, let it cook for 2-3 minutes and take it off the flame. Serve hot.

FIT BIT

VIPARITA KARANI MUDRA

(UPSIDE DOWN SEAL POSE)

It is a full-body gesture that is also an energising inversion. It can refer to any inverted practice, like headstand and shoulder stand asanas, but as a mudra its purpose is to direct kundalini energy upwards. This mudra can be practised by keeping the legs up the wall, lying on the back with the hips on the ground and the buttocks against the wall. It is believed to activate the Vishuddhi (throat) chakra, or energy centre.

STEPS

- Lie on your back comfortably and relax. Breathe normally. Rest your hands on the floor by the side of the body.
- Slowly try to raise your legs until they are 90 degrees. After that, put your hands under the lower back, near the waist. Use the hands and elbows to raise your body further up. Hold your breath while raising the body to the vertical position.
- Place yourself such that the trunk makes 45 degrees with the ground while legs are vertically raised.
- At this stage, your body weight rests on the shoulders. Hands and elbows help to support and balance your body. In the final posture, your trunk is at 45 degrees with the floor and the legs are 90 degrees to the floor.
- Remain in this position as per your convenience. For achieving all the benefits, 3-5 minutes per day is enough. If you practise for spiritual purposes, you can extend the duration up to 15 minutes at a stretch.
- Breathe normally while maintaining the steady raised position.

BENEFITS

- Increases blood flow around neck region and thyroid glands.
- Manages hypothyroidism.
- Balances functioning of the other endocrine glands.
- Relieves gravitational weight from numerous organs, thus helping in treating hydrocele, piles and other kinds of hernia.
- Tones the neck, spine, intestines and other abdominal organs.
- Helps in reducing fat around the waist region.
- Helps to ease and relax cramped, tired feet and legs.
- Calms the mind.

LIMITATIONS

- Those having serious eye disorders like glaucoma, and women during menstruation, avoid this.
- People having serious neck and back pain or other problems, injuries, high blood pressure, heart problems, inflammation of spleen or liver, avoid this.

By N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

SOUND BOARD

THE TASTES OF INDIA

The Tastes of India is a weekly bilingual Indian recipe food podcast and cookery show on tasty Indian recipes. This is a Podcast that takes you through the lengths and breadths of India and connects the varied culture using a single thread.

● **ON:** Google Podcasts

FOREVER 35

Which night creams will make you look well-rested? Is quitting coffee really worth the headache? Can emptying your closet actually bring you joy? Wellness enthusiasts and writers Kate Spencer and Doree Shafir discuss such questions each week, along with a special guest, as they explore what it means to be getting older and hopefully wiser.

● **ON:** Apple Podcasts

PODCAST

Journalists and radio producers Stephanie Kuo and Juan Ramirez interview chefs and purveyors of colour, tackling food's relationship to race, gender, and class in their bi-weekly podcast that pushes the boundaries of food media.

● **ON:** Apple Podcasts

OLOGIES

Humourist and science correspondent Alle Ward asks smart people stupid questions and the answers might change your life. Volcanoes. Trees. Mars missions. Death. Beauty standards. Anxiety busters. Beer science. Bee drama. Take away science knowledge and charming, bizarre stories about what fuels these professional-ologists' obsessions.

● **ON:** Apple Podcasts

PUNCH UP THE JAM

Andrew and Evan Gregory are joined by a special guest to revisit, review, and revise a song of their choice, and offer an improved "punched-up" version.

● **ON:** Apple Podcasts

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

UGRAMM

When Agastya visits Mughal, he witnesses girls being raped in front of the villagers. He fights against the thugs to stop this but becomes a target of the local mafia.

Cast: Atul Kulkarni, Avinash, Sri Murali, Haripriti, Tilak

TAGARU

Shiva, an encounter specialist, takes an oath to eradicate the wrongdoers from society. Meanwhile, Punarvasu, a young woman, falls in love with him.

Cast: Shivaraj Kumar, Dhananjay, Bhavana, Manvita Kamath

GAJAKESARI

Krishna protects the tribal people of the Aaneegudde forest from Rana, a local thug who plans to remove them out of their houses and build a resort there.

Cast: Yash, Amulya, Anant Nag, Prabhakar, Sadhu Kokila

YAJAMANA

Shankar sacrifices his own interests and refuses to marry in order to support and educate his younger brothers. However, his life changes when a girl falls in love with him.

Cast: Darshan Thoogudeepa, Rashmika Mandanna, Tanya Hope, Dhananjay

BHAGAWAN

When Bhagawan, an unemployed man, rescues a film actress, Nanditha, from a few unruly thugs, she falls in love with him.

Cast: Sudeep Thoogudeepa, Daisy Bopanna, Sai Kumar, Bullet Prakash

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS



1 THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WINNING AND SUCCEEDING BY JOHN WOODEN

With profound simplicity, Coach John Wooden redefines success and urges us all to pursue the best in ourselves. In this inspiring talk, he shares the advice he gave his players at UCLA, quotes poetry and remembers his father's wisdom.



2 HOW MOMS SHAPE THE WORLD BY ANNA MALAIKA TUBBS

Citing the remarkable lives of Alberta King, Louise Little and Berdis Baldwin (the mothers of Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X and James Baldwin, respectively), sociologist and author Anna Malaika Tubbs emphasises the need to shift the perspective on motherhood at a cultural level.



3 HOW TO BREAK DOWN BARRIERS AND NOT ACCEPT LIMITS BY CANDACE PARKER

A two-time NCAA champion, two-time Olympic gold medalist and two-time WNBA champion, Candace Parker knows what it takes to fight for your dreams. In this inspiring talk, she shares what she's learned during a career spent not accepting limits — and how her daughter taught her the best lesson of all.



4 4 WAYS THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC CHANGED THE WAY WE SLEEP BY MATT WALKER

Have you been having weird dreams lately? For many people, that's just one of the ways the COVID-19 pandemic has altered their sleeping habits, says sleep scientist Matt Walker. From when to how much to how well we're sleeping, this pandemic may have shaken up bedtime for good.



5 HOW MUSIC STREAMING TRANSFORMED SONGWRITING BY BJORN ULVAEUS

Money, money, money...in the music business, there seems to be little left for the songwriters that fuel it. ABBA co-founder Bjorn Ulvaeus calls for the industry to support its most valuable asset, breaking down how the streaming revolution impacts creator royalties, careers and craft and outlines what can be done to truly thank artists for the music.

REGIONAL



SARKAR (Tamil)

An NRI businessman returns home and learns about the practice of fraudulent voting. When he decides to investigate, two corrupt politicians strive to block his path.

Cast: Vijay, Keerthy Suresh, Varalaxmi Sarathkumar

● **Watch on:** Netflix

SINCERELY YOURS, DHAKA (Bengali)

Eleven emerging Bangladeshi filmmakers present a collection of gritty shorts centred on the capital city and the people living in its margins.

Cast: Mostafizur Noor Imran, Orchita Sporshia, Allen Shubro

● **AVAILABLE ON:** Netflix



THAPPAD (Hindi)

Amrita, a young woman, leads a content life with her husband, Vikram. However, their happiness is shattered when he slaps her at an office party causing her to file for a divorce.

Cast: Taapsee Pannu, Pavi Gulati

● **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video



THE LAND OF CARDS (Bengali)

A royal prince arrives on an island of fascist rule and inspires a rebellion among its women in this hallucinogenic adaptation of a classic play.

Cast: Joyraj Bhattacharya, Rii, Soumyak Kanti DeBiswas

● **Watch on:** Netflix

PAILWAAN (Kannada)

Krishna, an orphan, is nurtured by the owner of a gym whose name is Sarkar. He rises against all odds to become a wrestler but eventually gets into a conflict with his mentor when he falls in love.

Cast: Sudeep, Sunil Shetty, Kabir Duhan Singh, Aakanksha Singh

● **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video



KHWADA (Marathi)

Raghu Karhe and his family are forced to move from different places. An evil landlord makes their life difficult after Raghu's son, Balu, wins over his men in wrestling.

Cast: Shashank Shende, Bhausaheb Shinde, Prashant Ingale, Anil Nagarkar

● **Watch on:** Netflix

FOREIGN

BIKING BORDERS (German)

Best friends Max and Nono bike from Berlin to Beijing, collecting donations to build a school for a unique fundraising adventure in this documentary.

Cast: Max Jabs, Nono Konopka

● **Watch on:** Netflix



DON'T LISTEN (Spanish)

After a tragic turn of events at the new home he's fixing up, Daniel hears a ghostly plea for help, spurring him to seek out a famous paranormal expert.

Cast: Rodolfo Sanchez, Ana Fernandez, Lucas Blas

● **Watch on:** Netflix



PEOPLE PLACES THINGS (English)

Will Henry, an author and a professor, finds it difficult to juggle being a single parent and fulfil his obligations of a writer, owing to his writer's block, whilst dealing with his students.

Cast: Jemaine Clement, Regina Hall, Jessica Williams

● **Watch on:** Netflix



MONEYBALL (English)

Billy Beane, a baseball general manager, and Peter Brand, an economics graduate, challenge convention as they try to form a competitive sports team using computer-based methods.

Cast: Brad Pitt, Jonah Hill, Phillip Hoffman

● **Watch on:** Netflix

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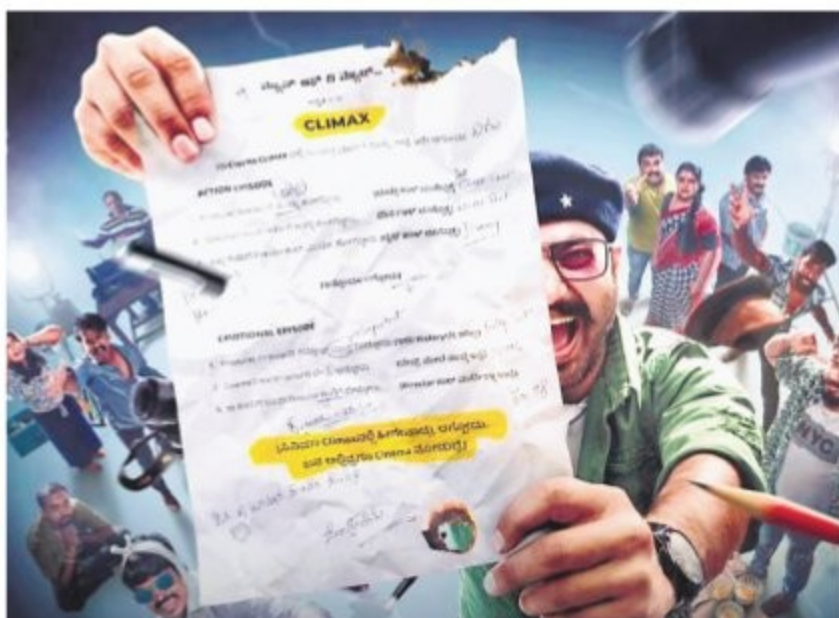


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 Netflix: ₹ 149 per month

KOKUM TWIST
Instead of sweating it out, try this mocktail that will let you have a chilled-out time even in scorching heat. A sweet and tangy blend of kokum, mint, lime, cranberry juice, black salt, topped with lemonade.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Yellamma B @ Usha B** W/o. Sri. Krishnappa, Aged about 38 years, R/at No. 52, 1st Cross, A.K. Colony, Ramakrishnappa Block, Munireddy Palya, J.C. Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 006, hereby declare that I have changed my name from **YELLAMMA B TO USHA B** vide affidavit dated 27.4.2022 sworn to before Dr. R.S. Vijay, Notary Public, Court of Justice, Bengaluru.

MAN OF THE MATCH TO STREAM WORLDWIDE ON MAY 5



The satirical comedy, directed by Satya Prakash & made under the PRK Production banner, will be out on Amazon Prime

CE FEATURES

SATYA Prakash D's upcoming film, *Man of the Match* is all set to premiere on Amazon Prime Video on May 5. Produced by late Puneeth Rajkumar's PRK Productions, the film marks the *Rama Rama Re* director's followup to his second film, *On-dalla Eradalla*.

The makers released the motion poster of the film, which addresses the issues of technol-

ogy plaguing people's lives since the pandemic.

In an almost meta move, the protagonist of the film is a director (Nataraj S Bhat), who holds auditions for his upcoming film, which is also titled, *Man of the Match*. What unfolds next is told in a comical manner with its own share of twists and turns.

Man of the Match also stars Dharmanna Kadir, Veena Sundar, Atharva Prakash, and Vasuki Vaibhav in pivotal roles.



Dheeren Ramkumar

SHANKAR GURU TO HELM DHEEREN RAMKUMAR'S NEXT

The project will be backed by James' producer Kishore Pathikonda

CE FEATURES

EVEN as we wait for the release of *Shiva 143*, the much-anticipated debut film of Dheeren Ramkumar, the actor has signed his next. Dheeren will be headlining a project backed by James producer Kishore Pathikonda. The film will be

helmed by Shankar Guru, who shot to fame with his debut film, *Badava Rascal*. The Dheeren film will mark Shankar Guru's sophomore directorial.

An announcement of Dheeren's next was made on the actor's birthday. More details about the project, which is currently under pre-pro-

duction, is expected to be out soon. Dheeren, the grandson of Dr Rajkumar, is the son of the legendary actor's daughter Poornima and actor Ramkumar.

Meanwhile, *Shiva 143*, directed by Anil Kumar and produced by Jayanna Films, is in the post-production stage.

Rachana Rai makes her Kannada debut with Dhanveerrah's Vamana

CE FEATURES

RACHANA Rai is set to make her Sandalwood debut with Dhanveerrah's upcoming commercial entertainer, *Vamana*. The actor will be paired opposite the *Bazaar* hero in the Shankar Raman directorial.

Talking about Rachana's character, Shankar Raman says that she plays a practical high middle-class girl. "Rachana will be playing the daughter of a customs officer, and Dhanveerrah's love interest. She will be one of the main support systems to the hero's character." The film is produced by Chetan Kumar Gowda under the Equinox Global Entertainment banner and is billed to be a raw and rustic commercial entertainer. The film also stars Tara, Avinash, Achyuth Kumar, Adithya Menon, and Sachita Nanda in pivotal roles. With cinematography by Mahendra Simha, *Vamana* will have music by Ajaneesh Loknath.



Rachana Rai



Dhanveerrah

Predictable, but passable entertainer

SHOKIWALA

Cast: Ajay Rao, Sanjana Anand, Pramod Shetty, Sharat Lohitashwa, and Aruna Balraj

Director: Jocky

A SHARADHAA

WITH *Shokiwal*, debutant director Jocky tries to deliver a rural entertainer but is brought down by an outdated subject. While *Shokiwal* does follow the template seen in films like *Kiraataka*, *Adyaksha*, or *Ayogya*, the lack of freshness in the narrative is the biggest drawback of this Jocky directorial.

Set in Mandya, *Shokiwal* is about the protagonist, Krishna (Ajay Rao), who is absconding. His parents, who find his bloodstained shirt, reach the police station, and in a flashback, narrate his life. Krishna, popularly called Shokiwal Krishna, enjoys being the ladies' man in the village, and is a perennial headache for the girls' parents and elders. He finally finds his one true love



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in Radha (Sanjana Anand). But then the narrative turns into a murder drama with the parents of Krishna and Radha mourning their children's deaths. The rest of the story unfolds as the parents and the police get to the bottom of things.

Shokiwal is a predictable breezy entertainer with a not-so-serious revenge drama at the centre of things. However,

the director's inability to be in sync with the times to give a decent mass entertainer, albeit formulaic, exhibits a lack of flair. The main plot, which lacks the thriller element, is quite a dampener.

For the versatile Ajay Rao, this is his first attempt at comedy, but he fails to pick a strong script. Except for a couple of scenes with his friends, the film doesn't really work on the

humour front either. Sanjana Anand charms her way through the film, which also has the likes of Aruna Balraj, Giri, Sharath Lohitashwa, Satya, Pramod Shetty and Tabla Nani doing their parts well in the film.

With a strong local flavour, *Shokiwal* just turns out to be a passable entertainer that misses out on fulfilling its potential.



This Ajay Devgn vehicle sticks the landing

RUNWAY 34

Cast: Ajay Devgn, Amitabh Bachchan, Rakul Preet Singh, Boman Irani, Angira Dhar

SHILAJIT MITRA

DECADES ago, Ajay Devgn had starred in a film called *Pyaar To Hona Hi Tha*. The most memorable set-piece of that film had Ajay, playing a con-man, distracting a plane of passengers as it hurtled and wobbled through turbulence. The situation returns in *Runway 34*, sans the humour: Ajay, as Captain Vikrant Khanna, steps out of the cockpit and makes an emotional appeal to his passengers to keep calm. They all oblige and get back to their seats. The scene is so drab I have no option but to contrast it with the relative excitability of an Anees Bazmee film.

Anees isn't making *Runway 34*; Ajay is. It's his show—he's the director, star, co-producer and main attraction of this

141-minute film. His filmography has turned so predictable that I went in expecting the usual Devgnisms in this show. What I discovered, though, was a little different. *Runway 34* is a frequently tense, perfectly serviceable aviation thriller, a genre of questionable reputation in Hindi cinema. It's not the next *Neerja* or *Airlift*, but it's acut above High Jack—though that's hardly praise—and far less bloated than *Gunjan Saxena* and *Bell Bottom*.

The plot is simple. Vikrant goes drinking the night before his 'Skyline 777' flight is bound from Dubai to India. Though heavily hammered, he completes the bulk of the journey without incident. Nearing Cochin, however, the plane hits stormclouds. Will Vikrant listen to anxious first officer Tanya Albuquerque (Rakul Preet Singh) and divert the plane to Bangalore? Or will he endanger 150 lives by making a close-call blind landing with diminishing fuel in nearby

Trivandrum? As part of a generation raised on intrepid Thumbs Up commercials, you probably know the answer.

The film holds firm even as the VFX department seems to stretch its budget. Ajay, back in the director's seat after a while (he'd previously made the romance *U Me Aur Hum* and the actioner *Shivaay*), experiments with canted angles and parallel editing. It's 2015—the film is inspired by a real incident—so it makes sense the characters will use older iPhone models from the time. The second half morphs into a courtroom drama, with Amitabh Bachchan's stern investigator joining the fray. The writing here is the weakest (though Big B gets a sharp, funny line about Indians invoking the Army to mask their flaws.)

Vikrant is a tailor-made character for its wearer. He's fallibly infallible—his 'mistakes' are setups for future reveals and twists. Ajay plays

him with the same unsmiling swagger he's known to embody of late. In place of complexity, he gets a few cool lines (like saying 'jalaya toh nahin na' to anyone policing his smoking). Still, the actor does well in casting himself; he can carry a big-budget film without the crutch of physical action. Bachchan paces the courtroom and seems to enjoy the free cardio. His voice, as always, booms far and wide, even when coming up with translations for arcane Hindi words. "Gurutvaakarshan!" he roars delightedly. "Gravity."

Boman Irani and Angira Dhar are entertaining as a pair of comically evil corpses. But to write the onboard character—an ailing woman, a mother with a child, a pesky businessman—as clichés drains the film of some necessary tension. I only remember one of them, an aviation journalist who senses trouble before anyone else can. In a season of unfiltered media-bashing in Hindi movies, he's a touchingly nice detail.

A free mobile game of a film

HEROPANTI 2

Cast: Tiger Shroff, Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Tara Sutaria, Amrita Singh

Director: Ahmed Khan

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THERE is a recipe for the Hindi masala entertainer these days. You take a pan, heat it at a high flame of chiselled masculinity, pour some 'no-brainer' oil, let a hero trying to escape his past sizzle in it, add a villain who is more of a comic relief, garnish it with some pun-ny dialoguebaazi and then pour the whole thing on the audience's head. *Heropanti 2* is served.

Tiger Shroff is Babloo again. After fighting the patriarchy by punching men in his debut film *Heropanti*, this time, he is a tech-savvy hacker who can control the lights in his room with his mobile. Not just that, hacker Babloo can manically type a 'reverse code' to access CBI's internal systems while warding off the advances of two women. In the process, he encrypts the file of the audience's brain cells. Hacker Babloo lives with his mother, played by Amrita Singh, in London. Mother (whose name we will never know) spends her time either praying for his safety or being kidnapped by villain Laila (Nawazuddin Siddiqui).

Laila is a magician who has many tricks up his sleeve - just that all of them end up blooming flowers out of objects. He is planning a cyber heist that involves hacking the systems of all bank accounts and sweeping the money that was paid by innocent citizens as taxes. In his words, it will be his



'greatest magic trick' and India's 'April Fool's Day' - because he's planning on pulling this off on March 31. How far will you go to not file your returns?

His sister and Babloo's love interest is Inaaya (Tara Sutaria) who is the sort of girl who splashes water at you for being a couple of minutes late on the first date and then doesn't leave. She is the sexy lamp that Babloo places in a corner while he jumps over cars and fights baddies. Tiger's action scenes are like dance moves we have seen before (Director Ahmed Khan was previously a choreographer). There are no stakes. Tiger will survive henchmen, swords,

guns, Lamborghini cars and even multiple grenade blasts - courtesy of, his mother's prayers. Nawazuddin has fun with his character in the first half, then he bursts into a laughter fit of overacting. The screenplay dangles freely and the dialogues are just a play on words or abbreviations, especially if they are for expletives (MC BC- Main Chali Bye Cutie). The film's visuals seem like out of a mobile racing game and the screenplay is dizzying.

The only respite is the music - while AR Rahman's techno melody 'Miss Hairan' is groovy, Pooja Tiwari's voice in 'Jalwanuma' has a certain pain. But all in all, *Heropanti 2*, will even make little girls (read Choti Bachchi) laugh at its plot. Just, 'Dafa Kar'.

RATING
 1.5/5